Minutes of the Chapter Meeting

Thursday January 2nd 2014
(Final Meeting for 2013)

Present: Dean Kevin Carroll, Suzanne Cornell, Michelle Dacosta, Kimberly Gartrell, Donna Holmes, Gary Kampe, Mariana Keene (Guest), Sarah Knox, The Reverend Michelle Mooney (Guest Speaker on behalf of Common Ground), Elizabeth Raasch, James Reynolds, Ted Steffen, Madeleine Turner, Ned Turner.

Excused: Kathy Anderson

Opening Prayer: The Chapter meeting was opened with prayer at 6:36pm.

New Business: A presentation by The Reverend Michelle Mooney, Deacon of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Reverend Mooney gave an in-depth view of Common Ground, an organization in which the Chapter is currently considering membership for the Cathedral. The cost of this membership would be 1% of the Cathedral's pledge total received, on an annual basis. A final decision is pending. The Chapter will continue to consider the benefits of Cathedral membership, as well as our current ability to take on a fully active role as a parish within Common Ground.

Meeting break: Break began at 7:35pm and ended at 7:45pm.

Treasurer's Report: Current 2014 projected pledge update, including a year-to-date comparison between 2013 and 2014 pledges received. To date, we have received 45 pledge cards for 2014, with a pledge percentage increase totaling $5,797.00 in response to our 2014 pledge increase request. An overview of the 2014 budget draft was covered.

Dean's Report, Warden's Report: No reports in lieu of Reverend Mooney's presentation (see New Business).

Old Business: Dean Carroll requests that all Chapter members review and complete the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Milwaukee Questionnaire. **The questionnaire must be returned at the next scheduled Chapter meeting on January 23rd 2014.**

New Business: Dean Carroll will address the issue of eliminating the parish's expense of clergy during mid-week services, in an effort to further reduce the 2014 deficit.

Minutes of the Chapter meeting from November 21st were accepted at 8:34pm.

The next Chapter meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 23rd at 6:30pm.

The 2014 Chapter retreat is tentatively set for Friday February 14th and Saturday February 15th at Nicholson House. A final confirmation of these dates will follow.

The Chapter meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kimberly Clark Gartrell