

## Minutes of the Chapter Meeting

Thursday January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2014

**Present:** Dean Kevin Carroll, Suzanne Cornell, Michelle Da Costa, Kimberly Gartrell, Donna Holmes, Gary Kampe, Sarah Knox, Elizabeth Raasch, Madeleine Turner, Ned Turner.

**Excused:** Kathy Anderson, James (Jamie) Reynolds.

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

**Treasurer's Report** – Kimberly Gartrell presented the current financial reports, including accounts payable and the proposed budget for 2014. An update of actual pledges received for 2014 was provided as \$141,000, vs. our budgeted goal of \$166,000 for 2014. The financial reports and 2014 budget was accepted by the Chapter at 7:18pm.

The Minutes of the Chapter meeting of Thursday January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014 were accepted at 7:20pm.

**New Business** – Dean Kevin Carroll's 2014 Housing Resolution was accepted by the Chapter as presented. The Standing Committee's request for information regarding the blessing of same-gender relationships was discussed by the Chapter in-depth, with an emphasis on the following questions:

What pastoral issues does the ability / inability to bless same-gender relationships raise in your community?

What theological questions does it raise?

What challenges does the issue of same-gender blessings and the ability /inability to bless same-gender relationships pose to evangelism and church growth in your context?

With respect to the issue of blessing same-gender relationships, what voices within your parish and within this diocese do you believe are not being heard?

Dean Carroll will expand on this issue with the congregation by holding an open forum on Sunday Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014. This forum will give the congregation an opportunity to extend their input regarding this topic, to the Chapter.

**Old Business** – A proposal was made to the Chapter by those already committed to Common Ground. In an effort to move forward with Cathedral membership, it was proposed by those committed that they would raise funds independently to cover the Cathedral's first year membership dues. By their efforts, the Cathedral would have no immediate out-of-pocket expenses to join Common Ground. This proposal was approved and accepted by the Chapter.

Michelle Dacosta and Madeleine Turner have both served their elected terms and will be leaving the Chapter at the conclusion of this meeting. Michelle and Madeleine shared their parting words and support to all.

There will be no regular scheduled Chapter meeting in February due to the annual Chapter retreat. The 2014 Chapter retreat dates and times are tentative. A confirmation of exact dates and times will be sent.

The Chapter meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kimberly Clark Gartrell