

Vestry of Emmanuel Church
Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2015

Present: Rev. Eric Thompson, Mary Pat Anderson, Jim Beyer, Andy Dolliff, Rob Ekroth, Jen Enriquez, Penny Longo, Randy McKinney, Cindy Mottl, Randy Valenta, Jamie Workman, Jen Vince (Dorren Gertsen- Briand, clerk and Larry Brongel, Treasurer) Vicki Roe, visitor

Absent: none

- I. Mtg called to order 7:02 by Sr. Warden Randy Valenta
- II. Opening Devotion by Rev. Eric
 - Food for thought - Rather than join a church, we join a process! Started when God called Abraham. Rev Eric outlines changes in practice of the church from 1950s on. Joining the journey into Christ, with Christ, for Christ. Living questions more than answering them. Find a place here and join the journey. We are the people we have been waiting for. Discern it, see it, do it.
- III. Remaining agenda adopted.
- IV. Prior minutes amended and adopted as such.
 - Rev Eric will talk to Kim Gebhart about the plants.
- V. Treasurer and Finance Report by Larry
 - Our statements are cash basis, except for pledge statements and the visa bill. Pledges get spread over the year, and the visa bill gets allocated the month after bill is received.
 - Monthly ending amounts steadily going down...
 - Revisit how donations will be managed by the vestry – all to general funds or allow special funds? Rev Eric suggested book, *Business Manual for Churches*. Check business practices – finance committee to check and report next month. \$300 left over from Quinn Center Easter baskets to be held separate until this is clarified.
 - April is a heavy month for expenses. Anticipate about \$8k left in cash by end of month. Rev Eric suggested asking for some kind of amnesty rather than having to pay 9 months all at once, when it is the pension fund's fault we are stuck here.
 - Rev Eric – our financial situation is based on larger problem with identity and culture. Don't panic. Develop a message and prepare to deliver it.
 - Finance report approved.
- VI. Committee Reports

Parish Life/Outreach

New member event Friday – please come! Same thing with Cinco de Mayo.
Invite friends.

Facilities

Motion – To petition the endowment committee to up to \$300,000 for options on addressing some of the main repair issues that are necessary. Unanimously approved.

Stewardship/Finance

Education

Highlight service Sundays, moving to one time of ed programs, changing to Rite 13 62A program for youth, Confirmation is 16+ going forward – not competing with Sunday School.

VII. Warden Report

Nothing to add.

VIII. Priest in Charge Report

See Opening devotion remarks.

IX. Keeping God's People Safe

Have to schedule it, organize training for Jamie, Facilitator from diocese? May or June dates, online portion and a group discussion.

X. Special Report —Antiques Show recap and summary by Vicki Roe

- Jamie offered to do Antique Show website maintenance!
- Vicki – we need to work with a marketer/promoter – she is exploring what that would cost
- Vicki – what does the vestry want the goals to be for the next decade of this show?

Jamie – like the idea of attracting a younger crowd

Randy V – respect tradition by carrying on program, but antique not going to attract more people?

Jen – Are dealers open to changes?

Jen V – this should be part of the whole re-branding Emmanuel

Andy – we need to grow Emmanuel The demographic that comes to the Antiques show is not the group we can grow with. To do this show we block off the sanctuary with the coatroom – and it is the most beautiful thing we have. It is what we are about.

Rev. Eric – we can say all these comments about the Church too. Christmas,

Easter, Antique Show, Oktoberfest are the four seasons here.

Remember the four questions to ask about the value or programming in a church:

- Whose lives were transformed?
- Was new leadership equipped?
- Were relationships strengthened?
- Was making it happen joyful?

These are questions about the Church, not just about the event.

Vicki – I recognize there are different feelings about the show.

- Vicki - There are several ways the vestry can support the next antique show:
 - If we go to a Sat/Sun show, we would need Rev. Eric's support to perhaps go to one service, and be OK with the furniture being in the church. Rev. Eric said we have to have some other discussions with Education and Worship committees before a decision can be made.
 - Professional kitchen cleaning and pest control of the kitchen. Cost is \$1,000 or so.
 - Mailing list centrally managed.
 - CAD drawing of spaces for booths. – Jen V said Griffin could help Randy V with this.

XI. THRIVE report

Jen – anyone who wants to come to the main THRIVE mtgs is welcome. Overnight retreat May 29/30, then have summer off. May 3rd is a special THRIVE Sunday.

XII. Due Outs (Assignments)

Went around and reviewed what everyone is going to do.

XIII. Closing prayer. Adjourned at 9:28pm.