

Vestry of Emmanuel Church
Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2015

Present: Rev. Eric Thompson, Mary Pat Anderson, Jim Beyer, Rob Ekroth, Jen Enriquez, Penny Longo, Cindy Mottl, Randy Valenta, Jenn Vince (Dorren Gertsen-Briand, clerk, and Larry Brongel, treasurer)

Absent: Andy Doliff, Randy McKinney, Jamie Workman (resigned)

- I. Call to order 7:03
- II. Opening devotion, feeling wheel and guided reflection
- III. Adopt remaining agenda – discussion whether to add to agenda and how best to communicate about suggestions. Decided to add discussion of an arts center at the church after the treasurers’ report tonight. Adopted as agenda.
- IV. Approve prior minutes – discussion of staying on agenda...reviewed changes. Amended minutes accepted unanimously.
- V. Treasurer’s report
 - May – deposits of almost \$31,000. Buried in there was \$5,900 refund from workers’ compensation. Diocesan pledge not paid. \$31k in bills paid. Fr Eric’s pension payment missed May by accident – paid two in June. Cash flow still tight. Today all bills paid, have about \$30k in cash. Best situation we have been in all year.
 - Diocese did approve our application for a line of credit at the bank. Rev. Eric
 - Jim B. moved: Stewardship Chair Cindy & Marc O’Brien be appointed as chairman of finance committee with authority to sign line of credit for rest of term. Cindy seconded. Passed.
 - Treasurer’s report was accepted unanimously.
- VI. Wardens’ reports
 - Senior Warden (Randy Valenta)
 - June 7 meeting – main points –emphasis on youth and membership (learning how to be welcoming and retention).
 - Comment from Jim – S. Cox tried to rent south bldg. at every turn. Very difficult as we have to guard our tax statutes
 - Randy V – we have to utilize our assets well

Junior Warden (Penny Longo)

- Please get online and do Keeping God's Children Safe
- Gardening day one Saturday morning soon.

Wardens' reports accepted unanimously.

VII. Committee Reports

NEW ITEM – arts center

- Cindy – links to Episcopal places that are doing this kind of thing. General interest in developing ideas on this over the summer.

a. Stewardship report

- 93 pledges (5 new) and 16 increases. About 234k now.

b. Education report

- Middle School confirmation class has ended and we are not having a new two-year cycle per new directives. When the individuals present themselves for confirmation, they will be accommodated at that time.
- Youth group had great meeting last week to discuss what they want to do. Will start Sunday meetings in September.
- Adult class – tried but hard to schedule on Sunday mornings. There were more people interested if can find a window of opportunity.
- Rev. Eric thanked Jenn Vince for all her work with last confirmation class, and the parents.
- There will be a new middle school program in 2015-2016.

c. Parish Life

- Antique show committee has met. Printed cards for dealers and moving on.
- Gardening day June 27th in the morning, 8:30-10:30

d. Finance

e. Building and Grounds

VIII. Priest in Charge Report

Rev Eric will be sampling ideas for adult education in his summer sermons, (e.g., how to be welcoming, etc.)

IX. Actions and Assignments

Penny will act as secretary next month when Dorren is away on vacation.

X. Closing Prayer and Adjournment at 9:16