

Saint Patrick's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
January 26, 2015

Following a Vestry Eucharist, the meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. Present was: Mark Forbes, Rector, Jan Krumel, Senior Warden, Pete Sale, Junior Warden, Pete Barger, Laurie Smith, Mark Stehle, Julie Lynch, Beryl Frey, clerk of the Vestry. Absent was: Georgia Reuter.

I. Treasurer's Report

A.) Financial Statements from December – Barbara Brown was unable to attend the meeting. Pete Barger will deliver the financial report later in the meeting under Financial Stewardship.

II. Ministry Leader Reports

A.) Worship Support – Jan Krumel reported that Liturgical will soon introduce a separate cup for dipping wafers, in addition to the common cup. As a result more chalice bearers will be needed. Jan also noted that we are seeking more acolytes.

B.) Communication – Laurie Smith reported that work has begun on a new website. A resolution was put before the Vestry by Laurie: The Vestry resolves to move forward with the stated goal emanating from our June 2014 Vestry retreat to proceed in the near term with the creation of the new website utilizing the services of a website hosting and design company. As we proceed into a new chapter of our parish's website, we wish to extend formally our deepest, most sincere and lasting gratitude to Walter and Sherry Klepfer for their years of diligent management of the current website. The current website has served the church incredibly well for the last 5 1/2 years. We are grateful for the Klepfer ministry which through our website has communicated God's love and presence to the community around us. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Pete Sale and seconded by Mark Stehle. The motion carried unanimously. A letter will be developed to the Klepfers thanking them and providing clarification on the decision behind the Vestry goal created last summer.

C.) Parish Life – No report

D.) Rector's Report: Mark Forbes reported that the outgoing and incoming Vestry will be recognized on the Sunday following the Annual Meeting (which will be March 1st). Mark also announced that due to budget constraints and possible personnel cuts, he has decided to postpone his sabbatical. Mark announced that this year's Lenten Series will be held on the first five Sundays of Lent, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service. He has invited all the small groups to piggy back on his offering. Meditation Class with Dr. Karen Oldham will begin on Tuesday, February 24th and held weekly through March 17. Mark asked the Vestry to consider the purchase of a 65" TV out of the 2014 budget surplus. The Vestry felt this wasn't the best timing with the current budget constraints to make that purchase, but believe the addition of a television could be achieved through donation(s). Lastly, Mark announced that the Harvest for Hospitality campaign raised more than \$5,500.

E.) Outreach – No report

- F.) Building and Grounds – Mark Stehle reported that the landscaping and center island work will commence any day now and will take just a few days to complete. Mark is optimistic that the property will look very nice by Easter.
- G.) Preschool – Julie Lynch reported that registration for the fall preschool program will begin in a couple of weeks.
- H.) Senior Warden Report – Jan Krumel reminded the Vestry that the retreat is scheduled for February 27 and 28 but that an off-site venue has not been located as of yet. It was decided that the retreat would be self funded by those attending due to the current budget constraints. Mark Forbes suggested St. Francis Retreat Center in Greensboro which would cost approximately \$100 a person for an overnight retreat to include meals. Jan Krumel will contact Jeff Haas, and John Syme (candidates for Vestry) to check on their availability to attend a retreat should they be elected. Jan also reported that it has been officially decided that the Annual Meeting (Vestry elections and budget update) will be held after the 10:30 a.m. service on February 22nd. Jan reported that she has sent an email to Mark Fowler and Randall Sprinkle seeking assistance in recording the Finance Committee message to the community this Sunday, February 1st.
- I.) Financial Stewardship – Pete Barger reviewed the year end financial statements with the Vestry and reported that we ended 2014 with a surplus of \$18,467.76. It was suggested that the surplus be moved into a restricted account. Pete Barger motioned to move the 2014 budget surplus in the amount of \$18,467.76 into a restricted account. The motion was seconded by Laurie Smith and carried unanimously.

III. New Business

- A.) Letter of concern: Jan Krumel opened a discussion about an email addressed to the Vestry that was sent by a parishioner. The Vestry felt it was not appropriate to respond to the email at this time, but rather address concerns as part of the annual meeting report.

IV. Old Business

- A.) Signage – Pete Barger presented some options for signs from Allen Industries. Pricing options include an electronic message center (EMC). The Vestry felt that two signs would be needed. Option B was preferred by those present. Cost for option B without EMC is \$6,800 not including stone masonry. The same sign with EMC option would be an additional \$7,900. Installation costs would be between \$1,500 and \$2,000 and Pete felt the masonry work could be completed for around \$2,500. Pete will move forward with putting designs together and Finance will discuss how to pay for signs – possible Cram proceeds.

V. Adjournment

- A.) A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Pete Sale and seconded by Laurie Smith. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,

Beryl Frey
Clerk of the Vestry