

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY

St. James the Less

Meeting Date: March 25, 2017

The Vestry Retreat was held at Roslyn Conference Center

Call to Order: The vestry met at Roslyn Convention Center/West Hall for their annual vestry meeting at 9:00 AM. Anna Brawley, Rector, presided.

Members in Attendance: Yancey Jones, Rebecca Cline, Janet Kurowski Taylor, Dawn Davis, George Spagna, Ricki Carson.

Absent: John Hoar, Richard Grosse, Beth Markwood

Others in Attendance: Cami Stiles, Treasurer

Morning prayer was led by Anna Brawley

Treasurer's Report: A detailed Treasurer's report, for understanding, was given by the Treasurer, Cami Stiles.

Yancey Jones moved to accept the report as written, 2nd by Rebecca Jane Cline.

Motion was approved.

New Business Action Items Identified in Advance:

Committee Assignments:

Anna suggested a list of Committees and the vestry chose which area they preferred as follows:

Senior Warden: Yancey Jones

Junior Warden/Property: Rebecca Jane Cline

Finance Committee/Stewardship and Financing: George Spagna

New Comers: Richard Grosse

Outreach/Chenery: Janet Kurowski Taylor

Parish Life: Dawn Davis

Christian Education: Beth Markwood

Pastoral Care: Ricki Carson

Communications: John Hoar

The three vestry members who were not there have the options to negotiate a switch, just let the Vestry know of the changes if any.

Parochial Report

The report was certified by Cami, **approved by the vestry**, and signed by Anna Brawley, Rector and Janet Kurowski Taylor, Clerk. This will be sent to the diocese promptly. Rebecca Jane Cline proposed the motion and Dawn Davis 2nd.

Delegates to the November Convention:

George who was our delegate this past year will attend the November 2017 Diocesan Convention with Don Bruce as the alternate, Janet Kurowski Taylor will be a replacement if the occasion arises. Yancey moved to accept the choices of the delegates to the November 2017 Diocesan Convention and Rebecca Cline 2nd.

The Motion Passed.

Region 11 delegate:

Yancey moved that George Spagna be the delegate to the Region 11 meetings and it was seconded.

The Motion Passed.

Approval of the Minutes: (report submitted in advance) Dawn moved to accept the minutes of the February 7th, vestry meeting as written, Ricki 2nd.

The motion passed.

Old Business action items identified in advance-

1. There was great discussion by the vestry about hiring a second priest, full time or part time, for Christian Education. This was sent to the Finance Committee for serious consideration to determine if it is financially possible. If part time, then how many hours could be made available? The Finance Committee was asked to return to the vestry with a recommendation.
2. The Newcomer's/Welcoming Committee will continue to purge the roster.
3. Several safety issues will be sent to the Parish Nurse to see about instituting (defib. and first aid kits.) them.
4. Advice for the roof was also referred to the property committee.
5. The issue of the gate, which was approved unanimously by the vestry at their December 6, 2016 meeting, was brought to the attention of the current vestry as an ongoing project (to be installed April 17th, 2017)

The next vestry meeting will be April 24th, 2017 the fourth Monday of the month, the third Monday will be Easter Monday, so it was differed to the fourth Monday out of deference for Anna.

Meeting adjourned at time 1:59 PM, Anna Brawley, rector offered closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted by

Janet Kurowski Taylor, Register

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