



Vestry Meeting
Monday, September 18th, 2017

Present: Rev. Rock Higgins, Rebecca Cline, Dawn Davies, John Hoar, Beth Markwood (late), George Spagna, Janet Taylor

Absent: Ricki Carson, Richard Grosse, Yancey Jones.

Others in attendance: Cami Stiles, and Bob and Mary Lou Brown.

Rev. Rock Higgins called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM

Opening Prayer was given by Janet Taylor

The Rev. Rock Higgins lead us in a bible study of Matthew 20:1-16

A presentation concerning the Senior Warden's Walk and Woodland Garden (otherwise known as the Cutting Garden) was made by Mary Lou and Bob Brown. See the attached document for the recommendations. The Junior Warden and Buildings and Grounds Committee will be looking into the request and will be advising the vestry later.

Minutes: The minutes were accepted as written. John made the motion and Dawn seconded it

Motion passed.

Finance Committee Report:

A motion was made by John to approve the Finance Committee's proposed revision of the 2017 budget. See attached report for explanation, under expenses. George seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

George made the motion to accept the August 2017 Budget Report as reported by Cami Stiles and John seconded it. (see attached report)

Motion passed.

Old Business Action items identified in advance and updates:

Review of Use Agreement: John suggested that we consolidate the Use agreement presently used by St. James the Less with the one that Rebecca suggested that we accept. Rebecca tabled the agreement until later. George seconded it.

Motion passed.

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New Business action items and new information:

1. Barbara Olin asked to use Brydon Hall for her yoga classes. Wednesday at 10:00 to 11:15 AM. Her request is attached.
John recommended that we accept her request and Dawn seconded the motion.
Request was accepted.
2. Property clean up day will be October 7.

Committee Reports:

Stewardship:

Sub Committee preliminary report

- a. Fall appeal for pledges letter-Sept. 21
- b. Sept 28th Vestry letter
- c. Oct. 1 packets pledges
- d. Warden letter mid Oct.
- e. One-minute stewardship talks on why to give time and talent.
- f. First Sunday in Nov. will be the BBQ dinner

There will hopefully be a series of one-minute talks by laity about stewardship. These talks will be about gifts and not treasurer.

Priest in Charge Report:

1. There was a discussion about the 3rd Sunday Offering plate. The Canon stated that the monies from the plate should go to the priest's discretionary fund. However, Chenery subsidizes the discretionary fund because the plate is usually not sufficient in monies to fund it. Rock will look into the wording and make recommendations.
2. November 4th will be a Diocesan Convention meeting, George Spagna will be the delegate, Don Bruce stepped down from being the alternate. Janet Taylor was approved to replace Don for this year and will be the delegate for the next year. George presented the motion and Dawn seconded it.
Motion passed.
3. Once a month facilitator for a fresh start.
4. Rock will be away for the Thanksgiving Sunday service.
5. Rock would like to have a weekend retreat to get to know the vestry. Will look into possible dates.

Chenery/Outreach Report: Janet (see attached report)

1. Chenery recommended that the vestry accept the request from Shiloh Baptist Church for \$500.00 to be spent in Flint Michigan. (see attached Chenery request) Janet made the motion to accept the request, and George seconded it.

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2. See attached report on the great job that Dani Stockwell did for Outreach. The Mission Fair was a great success. Our different committees will be on line soon, Dani is heading Caritas until someone can be found to take Eric's place.
3. It is suggested that Dani be picked as person of the month. This information will be forwarded to Jenny Bruce.

Communications: John

Communications people are looking at changing the pictures that scroll on the website to more up to date ones. So send some interesting photos to the committee. Not sure if Stephanie Werner is still interested in heading the committee. John will look into it.

Christian Education: Beth Markwood

There are 15 High school youth, 12 of which were present to plan the meetings.

There will be some youth to attend confirmation classes, and baptisms in the future.

New Business:

The flag situation was tabled until the rubrics are read and deciphered. Rebecca posed the motion, and Beth seconded it.

Motion carried.

Karen Salter's final date will be October 15th. November 4th is End Gathering Sunday, and not a good date.

Wednesdays are Rock's staff meeting days. Need volunteers to staff desk while Margaret it in the meetings.

October 16th at 6:30 PM will be the next vestry meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM with the Lord's Prayer

Respectively Submitted,

Janet Kurowski Taylor, Register

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