

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Vestry Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2014

Vestry present: Rev. Sandi Kerner, Peter Boone, Teno Bratton, Jon Brew, John Rick, Ben Bruno, Shelly Shock, Stew Wolfe, Cindy Coleman

Vestry absent: Steve Moore

Opening prayer: A Litany of Thanksgiving for a church from the Book of Common Prayer was led by Rev. Sandi Kerner.

Formation: Ben Bruno read aloud scripture from Acts 4:32-37. Opinions on the characteristic spirit or ethos during the period described in Acts were shared among the group. A question for thought was raised, what is the Spirit saying to us at St. Luke's?

MOTION PASSED to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2014, vestry meeting.

RECTOR'S REPORT

An updated was given on the health issues of several parishioners to keep in our prayers.

Sandi spoke with Michael Spear-Jones on the evaluation of the Church Assessment Tool (CAT). He recommended that the assessment tool would be more effective in having the same person facilitate and conduct the evaluation.

Sandi will be out of town the day after Memorial Day and will return on Friday, May 30.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Peter Boone reported that he is being an active listener during the vestry meeting. He feels that St. Luke's is heading in the right direction based on the information and exchange of ideas he is hearing during the vestry meeting.

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Teno Bratton reported that there are cracks in the church walls that need to be repaired. Also, the gutters need cleaning. The Infrastructure Committee has provided a list of masonry contractors for repairing the cracks in the church walls. Teno has started reaching out to local contractors for repair estimates. Teno volunteered to clean the gutters, but the vestry talked him "off the ladder" for safety concerns. It was a unanimous decision that a company should be hired to clean the gutters.

Sandi mentioned that lights are needed in front of the church.

MOTION PASSED to pay a company to clean the gutters.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Fellowship: Shelly reported that the Easter egg hunt and brunch were a success. Debbie Upson is organizing a cookie bake for Father's Day. The lemonade cart for lemonade on the lawn is under design.

Worship: Sandi reported that with the end of the school year there will be two Sunday services during the summer at 8:00 and 10:00.

Stewardship: (report attached) Ben Bruno reviewed the activities associated with stewardship at St. Luke's. He recapped the book, Ask, Thank, Tell, (Improving Stewardship Ministry in Your Congregation), by Charles R. Lane. Details were given for each phase of the stewardship ministry with plans to implement. The financial history of income, pledges and expenses of St. Luke's from 2010 to present was presented as well. Ben is seeking individuals to assist with the stewardship ministry, if you have suggestions please notify Ben.

Communications: (report attached) Stew Wolfe gave an overview of his commission; Facebook likes up to 109, working on access to Google Analytics and has updated the Web page.

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Youth/Adult Christian Formation: (report attached) John Rick is planning adult formation programs for this fall. His report provided outlines of key content areas for faith-building, types of adult audiences and the top ten interests of adults. He also requested input from the vestry on the direction of adult formation, formal vs. informal.

Welcome to St. Luke's: no report

Outreach: Jon Brew reported that the Powhatan Coalition of Churches is considering the purchase of the old post office for approximately \$200k as the location of the food pantry. The Coalition will be seeking financial assistance from the community for the purchase. Fund raisers at St. Luke's were briefly discussed.

Finance: (report attached) Cindy Coleman reported that again in April income exceeded expenses. No update available on the pledges.

MOTION PASSED to accept the finance report.

DISCUSSION: Jon, Ben and John met with Lynn Ellen Queen on her statement of work proposal for the developing the church's vision. She was asked to define her milestones and correlate

with a fee. A revised proposal is expected for review. A recommendation will be made at the June vestry meeting. Lynn will be invited to the next vestry meeting.

CLOSING PRAYER was led by Sandi Kerner.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Coleman