

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Vestry Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2013

Vestry Present: Rev. Sandi Kerner, BJ Giannini, Shelly Shock, Lee Kramer, Teno Bratton,, Cindy Coleman, Steve Moore, John Rick and Peter Boone.

Vestry Absent: Isabella Worrell.

Opening Prayer was led by Rev. Sandi Kerner. Following prayer scripture was read from 1 Peter 5:6-11.

As is the custom of the vestry, each shared personal gratitudes and concerns.

Sandi gave an update on Betsy Brand's recovery. She also shared the events of the week of her mother's passing and funeral service and thanked everyone for their support and prayers.

MOTION PASSED to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2013 meeting.

RECTOR'S REPORT

No written report submitted.

There was discussion regarding feedback from the meeting held to answer parishioner's questions and concerns as a result of the letter on the subject of C. Stephenson. Vestry members present at the meeting responded as well as Peter Boone on phone calls he received. Sandi has updated the Bishop and the Diocese Chancellor on how this was handled and suggested to the Bishop that it would have been helpful to have had someone from the Diocese to help/guide her in this process. A second meeting to further assure parishioners is under consideration.

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT (attached)

Need to update list of responders for when alarm goes off.

There will be an announcement made at all 3 services (March 17) regarding the combined service on Palm Sunday which will be followed by a pot luck lunch. Following will be a "clean up day". A sign-up sheet will be provided for folks to select indoor or outdoor chores.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Communications: No Report.

Fellowship: Shelly asked about coordination of Lenten dinners. ECW has taken charge of this in the past. A sign-up sheet is now being provided for volunteers. Shelly also volunteered to set up for the Palm Sunday pot luck.

Youth:

Charlotte Kramer and Ally Kapasakis have volunteered to coordinate the Easter egg hunt.

It was discussed that there is a need for an additional Level 2 Catechist and maybe another Level 1.

J2A and Rite 13 have good attendance.

There is some concern that there are very few men attending the Adult Forum.

Welcome: (report attached)

BJ asked if vestry members could prepare a dish and attend the reception for new members to be held at John Rick's home on April 7th

Outreach: No Report

Steve Moore said he would contact Rusty Gates regarding his presentation on "Backpacks of Love" to see how we can become involved.

Finance: (report attached)

A summary sheet and detailed financials were distributed. Pledges were down for February; however, plate offerings were higher than expected.

Lee and Hardman have a schedule in place for the transition of Lee to Treasurer's position. Lee and Cindy Coleman plan to meet on Monday to begin her training/transition to Chair of the Finance Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

Peter Boone, John Rick and Sandi presented the vestry with a new Letter of Agreement between the Vestry and Rector for review.

MOTION PASSED to accept the new Letter of Agreement which eliminates the Rector-Time Certain language. The Bishop will be provided a copy of this Agreement for his approval and signature.

NEW BUSINESS

Due to the illness of Betsy Brandt, it was discussed that an interim organist needs to be procured. Martha Jenkins' son, Sumner Jenkins, is available until he finds a full time job. The vestry agreed to offer him \$125/service which includes rehearsals with the choir. Sandi will meet with him to finalize. The vestry also discussed and approved the continued payment of salary to Betsy for the next four months or until it is known if she will be able to return and in what capacity.

Refurbishment of the Reception Room in the Parish House is still being considered.

Suggestion was made that we ask the Parish Nurse to coordinate volunteers to spend a few hours with Betsy when she comes home to allow Lamar to go back to work.

A reception to celebrate Sandi as our new Rector is being planned for Mother's Day, the second Sunday in May. Howdie Markowitz will be in charge and coordination of this event.

Other: BJ Giannini volunteered to lead the opening prayer for the next vestry meeting. There will also be a review of Chapters 1-6 of the current study book "Beyond Business".

Closing prayer - Sandi Kerner.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Janet Tucker

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