

# ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## Vestry Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2014

**Vestry present:** Rev. Sandi Kerner, Peter Boone, Cindy Coleman, Steve Moore, John Rick, Jon Brew

**Vestry Absent:** Ben Bruno, Stew Wolfe, Teno Bratton, Shelly Shock.

**Opening Prayer:** Led by Rev. Sandi Kerner.

**Formation:** Peter Boone read aloud scripture from Acts 1: 1-11. Following was a discussion of what this passage said to each of us regarding : 1) Where is our mission ? 2) What are the obstacles to mission in this passage? 3) What necessities for mission do we find here? And 4) What is God saying to us out of this?

**MOTION PASSED** to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2014 vestry meeting and also the March 20, 2014 meeting.

### **RECTOR'S REPORT**

Sandi will talk with Margaret Storti about how she feels about her calling to stay at St. Luke's. Sandi reported that Margaret works very well with adults and children. She has been a music educator and has been involved in music ministry for many years. She would be a great asset to St. Luke's.

Sandi also reported that the gentleman we had previously contracted to help with the IT needs at St. Luke's has moved away. Sandi Kerner and Thom Estes have met with Ollie of Ollie's Computers in Powhatan to discuss our needs. Ollie has agreed to give St. Luke's a discounted rate of 50%.

### **SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT**

Peter Boone reported that he hosted a meeting at St. Luke's of Senior and Junior Wardens from Redeemer, St. Matthias and St. Michael's. Martha Benson gave a presentation of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Peter said that Martha's passion for the program was evident and inspiring. Her presentation was very well received.

Peter said the next meeting of this group will be in June. He hopes the discussion will grow into how the churches can cooperate and help each other and possibly join efforts in a particular event that would benefit all.

Finally, Peter clarified that although he believes we need to have a balanced budget, his intent is not to cut programs and good works but to find other ways to fund. Peter agreed to ask Lee Kramer to attend the vestry meeting in May to discuss how endowment funds are invested and to find out what “group” policy is about investment risk.

### **JUNIOR WARDEN’S REPORT**

Teno sent an email to the vestry stating he is working on getting quotes for the church building gutters, and inside/outside wall repairs.

He has sent out emails and has had one response, but no appointments to evaluate so far.

### **COMMISSION REPORTS:**

**Fellowship:** (no report)

#### **Worship:**

Sandi raised the topic of changing the service times for the summer season and reducing to two services for the period beginning June 8<sup>th</sup> and going through August 31<sup>st</sup>. During this time the services would be at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM in the sanctuary. There will be no services in the Parish basement during the summer which will allow the facility to be painted and floors cleaned, etc. Normal service schedule will resume when school starts after Labor Day. All present agreed.

**Communications:** (no report)

Janet Tucker will coordinate with Stew Wolfe to get the announcement of summer service schedule changes posted on the website and a new ad for the “*Powhatan Today*”. Sandi agreed to talk with Betty Estes about getting a new banner made with summer schedule.

#### **Youth & Christian Formation:**

John Rick announced that there is a need to find a replacement for Anne Larrick’s position. All agreed that it will take someone with passion and commitment that has demonstrated by Anne as well as the example of Martha Benson.

John further discussed the Adult Forum and the future of that ministry. He feels that there are two segments: one that is more interested in education and one that is leaning toward social chat. John will be exploring forming a team to take the burden off of just one person to develop direction. John indicated that there are several parents who are willing to help.

**Outreach:** (report attached)

Steve Moore announced that the Power Show is this weekend. Location is on Academy Road next to Blessed Sacrament.

**Finance:** (report attached)

Cindy Coleman reported that March income exceeded expenses. As of today, we have 65 pledges in the amount of \$155,180.

**MOTION to ACCEPT** Treasurer's Report.

**Other:**

CAT Assessment

We were given a recommendation of two possible development consultants: Loren Mead, founder of the Alban Institute and Lynn Ellen Queen. A proposal has been submitted by Lynn Ellen Queen but the vestry has requested that she be more specific in her proposed services, length of commitment, etc. before a decision is made. Another element of consideration besides her proposed fee is that she needs to become certified in interpreting the CAT survey and wants us to consider paying \$1,000 for that certification. Sandi agreed to speak with Michael Spear Jones to see if there is anyone in the diocese that is already certified or if he has any other recommendation or advice.

Jon Brew, Ben Bruno and John Rick will meet with Lynn Ellen to review specifics about her proposal before the next vestry meeting.

Below is a summary of comments made by Loren Mead at a luncheon meeting attended by Ben Bruno, John Rick, Jon Brew, Peter Boone and Sandi Kerner:

1. Congregations are living/breathing and have own personalities
2. To infect with health
3. Problem of soccer and other extracurricular activities that pull people away on Sundays
4. Need to prepare and respond to change from "good old days"
5. Large perspective - good resources

Ask Loren Mead to come here this fall to speak, but we need someone else for day to day to help us through the process.

**Closing Prayer:** Led by Sandi Kerner.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Janet Tucker

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