

# ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## Vestry Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2013

**Vestry present:** Peter Boone, Cindy Coleman, Teno Bratton, John Rick, Lee Kramer, Isabella Worrell, Shelly Shock, B. J. Giannini, Steve Moore.

**Absent:** The Rev. Sandi Kerner and Janet Tucker

**Opening Prayer:** Peter led us in saying together the Lord's Prayer.

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

Elizabeth Forrest and Linda Ricker attended the meeting to discuss with the vestry the Discernment Committee's recommendation of Linda to continue on her path to becoming a deacon. Linda shared with the vestry the experience of "her call" and why she wanted to pursue becoming a deacon. Elizabeth read the letter of recommendation from the Discernment Committee. The vestry voted unanimously to recommend Linda for the next step in getting approval from the Bishop.

**Motion passed** to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2013 meeting.

**Junior Warden's Report** (attached)

It was also reported that four parishioners have contributed to the cost of replacing the new outdoor lamps. Five more are needed to complete the project. There was some discussion about keeping the old lamps for future use (silent auction, etc.). James Shores will begin painting the outside doors next week. There was a discussion concerning keeping them white or switching to a red/burgundy to match the brick. (B. J. will take photos of a similar church and email them to the vestry.)

**Commission Reports:**

Fellowship: Isabella reported that the taco luncheon was the last event and there was a small crowd. The next activity will be the Back to School picnic on September 8, following the combined service.

Worship: no report

Communication: Janet Tucker has been doing the updates to our website.

Youth and Christian Formation: John reported that he has written a description of the Holy MOCs and Centering Prayer to be included in the weekly announcements, hoping to get more folks involved.

Welcome to St. Luke's: (attached)

Outreach: (attached)

Steve did suggest that we contribute \$100 per month for the remainder of this year (\$500) to the Episcopal Relief and Development fund. The vestry voted to approve taking this contribution out of the Outreach budget.

Finance: We are \$19,000 over budget through July. Lee explained that this was due to the funds in the Clergy Housing Fund not having been moved into the Operating Account for clergy housing. After some discussion, Lee said that he would move \$15,000 from the Clergy Housing Fund to the Operating Account. Peter also reminded us to start thinking about budget issues to be discussed at the September meeting.

#### **New Business:**

- Angie Cabell has submitted the necessary paperwork asking the vestry to approve a memorial bench (4' x 18" white marble) to be placed at her parents' gravesite. The vestry unanimously approved the request.
- John Rick gave an update on the Three Bridge Road "improvements." One meeting has been held with representatives from St. Luke's and VDOT hearing what is planned. Wider shoulders will be created at the curve in the road, requiring VDOT to take some of the land belonging to the church. There is still confusion about how much land will be taken and what the church will receive financially from VDOT. John hopes to know more by the September meeting.

#### **Closing prayer**

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

B. J. Giannini

