

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Vestry Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2013

Vestry present: Cindy Coleman, Teno Bratton, John Rick, Lee Kramer, Shelly Shock, The Rev. Sandi Kerner, Isabella Worrell.

Vestry Absent: B.J. Giannini, Peter Boone, Steve Moore

Opening Prayer: Reading of prayer by Thomas Merton led by Sandi Kerner.

Sandi then led a discussion on "Chapter 8" of the book that the vestry has been reading, Beyond Business As Usual - Vestry Leadership Development. There was discussion about the upcoming vacancies that need to be filled with focus on Fellowship, Communications and Welcome Committee.

Suggestions were given for vestry candidates and assignments were given to make calls to determine willingness to serve and talents.

MOTION PASSED to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2013 meeting, as corrected.

RECTOR'S REPORT (attached)

There will be four baptisms in November.

On November 9th there will be Safe Church Training held at Manakin Church. Morning session beginning at 8:45 a.m. adult safety and afternoon session child safety. Cost is \$10 which includes lunch.

Mutual Ministry Review will be discussed at the December 19th vestry meeting.

Sandi also shared that Jeunee' Godsey, Canon for Congregational Development, will attend the vestry retreat to assist in developing a new 2014 mission statement. The date for the retreat is tentatively set for January 3-4, 2014.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – no report

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT (attached)

Proposal by Griffith Air & Heating for annual maintenance of our equipment was reviewed. Decision to vote on acceptance was deferred until the November meeting.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Communications: Janet Tucker has talked with Rick Cole about providing current photos to update the church website. He will put them on a CD and deliver to Tammy in the church office.

Fellowship:

Next event will be November 24th, Celebration Sunday.

Youth & Christian Formation:

John Rick gave an overview of the current classes with particular emphasis on the Adult Forum.

Welcome: no report

Outreach: Cathy Ogle has volunteered to do the shopping for the Thanksgiving Bags. Cost is \$31.

Worship: The Sunday evening program with the youth to practice music and share dinner together is working nicely.

Finance: (report attached)

A summary sheet and detailed financials were distributed.

Transfer in September reflects YTD better than budget.

Statements will go out at the end of October.

MOTION PASSED to accept Treasurer's Report.Budget & Audit:

Cindy Coleman discussed that she, David O'Brien and Peter Boone met on October 7th and did a partial review of the budget. A complete review is scheduled for October 24th. Due to the difficulty in finding everything needed to complete the review in an orderly manner, Cindy has created a filing system with details of where items can be located for future reviews.

A draft of the budget for 2014 has been prepared which will be a "balanced budget". In order to have a balanced budget there needs to be a 7% increase in annual income, which equates to \$15,000 in additional pledges. A vote on this was deferred.

Stewardship:

Peter Boone, Sandi Kerner and Lee Kramer have met to discuss. Letter with pledge cards are scheduled to go out in the next week. Connie Harriss has agreed to talk at all three services on October 27th about the positive things that have happened this past year. On November 11th, Peter Boone will speak at all three services about what we still need to accomplish.

Several ideas were discussed for fund raising such as a silent auction and I-texts. Lee Kramer and Janet Tucker gave an overview of how I-texts would work and a sample no-cost contract will be distributed to vestry for review.

Old Business:

VDOT Project.

There was discussion as to whether the state could take the proposed land for road improvements. John Rick explained that the answer is “yes” if it is to be used for a public purpose and due to safety issues. John further explained that if we choose to go to court that we would not win and the attorney fees would negate the offer the state has made to St. Luke’s.

MOTION PASSED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION regarding conveyance to VDOT.

New Business:

Trustees of real estate:

MOTION PASSED to approve appointment of Connie Harriss as new trustee and removal of Hardie Karhh and John Lewis. The Vestry approved a list of nominees for the other trustees of real estate. John Rick will talk with nominees and select 2 more persons to serve form this list.

A/V System:

Tammy Rogers has met with Raymond Rooks to get a proposal on the replacement of our current audio/visual system. A donation has been made to cover the cost once this is approved. Decision tabled until proposal is given and reviewed.

Brick Walk:

Connie Harriss is proposing a brick walk to be installed from the cemetery gate to the parish hall. There was discussion that an architectural plan with grading/drainage specifications needs to be presented to the vestry for approval.

Closing prayer - Sandi Kerner. Sandi asked for special prayers Ray Evans, Bill Pawelski and Mary Barden.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM.

Janet Tucker

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