

Christ Episcopal Church
Minutes of Vestry Meeting

March 27, 2018

Opening Devotion & Prayer

In attendance were The Rev. Cindy Simpson, Assistant Rector; and Vestry members: Christie Carrico, Senior Warden; Mary Barnstead, Geoff Fuller, Peggy Gilliam, Adebayo Lanionu, Steve McNeil, Katherine Schexneider, and George Wolohojian. In attendance for a part of the meeting was Janice Musselman, chair of the Search Committee.

Christie Carrico convened the meeting at 8:22 PM and offered the opening prayers.

Review and Approval of the Minutes of February 27, 2018 meeting

There was a motion to approve the February 2018 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed.

Search Committee Update

Janice thanked the Vestry for the Search Committee and reported they are meeting every Monday. The committee has established sub-committees, and the committee is working on the questions/profile for Canon Clark. The plan is to report their progress to the parish monthly. Focus groups, for the entire parish, will meet after Easter.

Jim Suit has written a search committee prayer, which will be distributed for the parish and all committees.

Report on March for Our Lives – Rev Simpson

Rev. Cindy reported first that the March for Our Lives was “so inspiring!” A group of Episcopalians met at the Church of the Epiphany, and she said they were a friendly and respectful group of people. Rev. Cindy said she was floored by the profundity of the youth speakers, and added the entire event was very well executed. When the group tried to leave downtown, they had to rely on police to help get them out of the crowds of people.

Geof Fuller said he arrived downtown after speeches started, and said the area was packed. Mary Barnstead said she was there early, that the event was amazing, and said she felt hopeful. She said an event like that makes you think things can actually change.

CES Update (including real estate)

Christie reported that the school is going through the permitting process for a new plat containing the parish house building, the church building, and the Foley park plot (as suggested

by the city). She added they may be looking for a new commercial realtor for the Jefferson Building.

The school is receiving contracts for the next (2018-2019) school year. Enrollment is about where they were last year at this time. The Gala was less successful than last year, but they did raise enough money to do most of the desired renovations on Murdock room (which means they may not need to use Capital Campaign funds).

Donna Gentry has been the parish representative to the school board, and her term will be ending in May. Christie proposed Michele Kang be elected in Donna's place; Michele had volunteered in response to the notice in the bulletin. There was a motion to approve Michele Kang as the Christ Episcopal Church representative to the Christ Episcopal School board. The motion was seconded and approved.

CES Scholarship

Christie reported that, traditionally, a scholarship of 50% of CES tuition (currently \$9200) has been given to a needy student whose parents are parishioners in the Church. The current recipient is graduating, and discussion was held on whether to continue the scholarship. There was a motion to continue the CEC-CES scholarship; the motion was seconded and passed. (a 2nd vote is needed)

Finance Report – Steve McNeil

Steve reported that the parish did okay during February. Pledge income is down 17% over the first two months; the loose plate offering is up, and investment income is down for the month. Expenses for Music are down, year over year. Outreach is over budget, due to timing of the contributions. Facilities Maintenance is under in expenses, but we haven't received bills in 2018 for the day porter. Utilities Expense is down, as Janice negotiated savings for trash removal.

A couple of new pledges have come in, and a couple of pledges have increased since the beginning of the year.

On the balance sheet, Steve reported that Endowment is down for calendar year, but is still up for fiscal year to date.

Update on the Capital Campaign: "Firm Foundation, Bright Future"—George Wolohojian

George reported on the capital campaign, saying for the foreseeable future the campaign will focus on parents and alumni. The total pledged is still at \$2.4 million dollars. Letters are to be sent out to families and alumni.

Interim

Christie reported that a list of six names has been received from Canon Clarke. Hopefully next week, the Vestry Interim sub-committee will meet and determine next step. One possible

Interim has withdrawn from consideration, as he has accepted another interim position. None of the Interim candidates is local.

Committee Reports

Environmental Stewardship – Cindy - the committee is trying to reach the energy audit company; the committee is likely going to look to another company to perform the audit. George said there will be an upcoming Boy Scout Eagle project, in May, on the church grounds.

Property – Geof reported on property, first saying that seven or eight trees were knocked down by the recent windstorm. Additionally, there are several shingles missing from the Parish House roof, and the adjuster looked at the roof today. So far, \$6700 has been spent on the above repairs.

Directions for use of the stove in the kitchen have been completed, and the kitchen stove is now functional.

Geof said he is following up on the security system; a new camera will be installed outside of the Sacistry & the vesting office.

St Francis Flock – Cindy reported the committee is pleased with the Lenten movies that were shown.

Pastoral Care – Cindy reported that four Eucharistic Ministers are currently taking communion out to parishioners.

Outreach – Katherine reported the committee is coordinating volunteer work with *A Wider Circle* on April 7th.

Communications – Christie reported the committee has posted biographies of the search committee on the parish web site. She said Jeremy Snider deserves the credit for making the parish site easy to use.

Fellowship – no report.

Adult Christian Formation – Cindy said it would be great to have more parishioners willing and able to participate in the committee.

Welcoming – Bayo reported the committee has met with the communications committee representatives, and they are looking to improved signage in the church.

Stewardship – Christie said there has been a slight uptick in pledges.

Nominating – George reported on the slate of candidates for Vestry, Warden, and Delegate positions.

Old Business:

Ad Hoc Committee to Investigate Moving to Two Services

Following discussion about whether there was still interest in investigating the possibility of moving to two services, Mary Barnstead and Peggy Gilliam volunteered to serve on an ad hoc committee to gather data. The following individuals will be asked to participate on the committee: Janet Miranda, Peter Hardinge, Kate Albus Yeatman, Anna Von Arx, & Michele Craig. There was consensus to move forward with researching the possibility to combine services.

New Business:

Volunteers to staff tables at Annual Meeting

Christie said volunteers are needed to staff the table prior to the annual meeting to distribute the meeting packets. Katherine, Geof, and George volunteered, and others offered to stop by as time permits.

Date of Next Meeting: April 24, 2018

Prayer and Adjournment

The closing prayer was offered by Christie Carrico, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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