

Vestry Minutes

October 17, 2018 7:02 pm

Present: Mary Sier, Fr. Patrick Funston, Joe Barbercheck, David Littrell, Tom Snyder, Michael Donnelly, Yvonne Amanor-Boadu (clerk), Ann Pearce, Candie White, Katie Dempsey, Marian Fuller

Gathering prayer: Fr. Patrick

Formation: Donald Romanik's letter re. stewardship "grounded in hope, not fear"

Review of the minutes from Sept minutes

- Corrections: Katie Dempsey was present, delete last sentence from point 10 p.2, grammatical corrections per Michael Donnelly
- Michael Donnelly moved to accept as amended, Ann Pearce seconded, motion passed

Review of minutes from special Oct meeting

- Mary Sier moved to accept minutes, Ann Pearce seconded, motion passed

Rector's report

Senior Warden report

- Worked on planning for changes to nursery including meeting with designer; stewardship campaign including drafting letters and securing speakers; finance committee meeting; upcoming Diocesan Convention

Junior Warden report

- Gutters work, work on the lawn, sign now put in place, repaired light fixtures downstairs

Review of calendar

- Candie White requested a discussion at some point about scheduling vestry meetings for next year, Fr. Patrick suggested vestry could have that discussion at next vestry retreat

Signing of thank you cards for pledges received to date

Annual meeting scheduling

- Fr. Patrick reminded vestry of bylaw requirements regarding scheduling, noted scheduling conflicts making it more difficult for him to schedule on a Sunday, asked about scheduling on a weekday night? Vestry supported the idea, tentatively set at Jan 30

High tea

- Set up on Fri, decorate on Sat, vestry signed up for what to bring

Bylaws Review

- Endowment enabling resolutions to allow for creation of permanent endowment and keep administration information in the same document

- Question re. item 12 on pg 7, Fr. Patrick to flag this for the chancellor to check on the language
- Question re. item 3 on page 14
- Parish bylaw changes
 - Review of changes including: added definitions, change in scheduling annual meeting to sometime in January, added communication by modern media, moved provision for calling a special parish meeting; Candie White asked for correction to item 5 pg 2 “necessary to elect”; changed requirement of 9 members to 7 to 9 members, rewrite of item 10 on pg 2 using canon language; Candie White asked for a correction to item 15 pg 3 “annual as provided” and next item “term. They may be elected...”, and raised question re. awkward wording of item 18, will email corrections to Fr. Patrick, changes to number of standing committees to reflect current practice, cleaned up language to item 27 pg 5 to clarify who can propose changes to bylaws
 - Motion to forward edited by laws to chancellor by David Littrell, seconded by Michael Donnelly, motion passed, one abstention.
 - Motion to forward resolution in endowment memorandum provided by Fr. Patrick prior to meeting to Chancellor by Michael Donnelly, seconded by David Littrell, all voted in favor
- Ann Pearce elected as Clerk of the vestry by unanimous vote
- Welcoming Steering committee
 - Update provided by Yvonne Amanor-Boadu
- Capital Campaign Construction phase 3 update
 - Provided by Tom Snyder
 - Initial meeting with interior designer
- Vestry ministry recruitment
 - Fr. Patrick shared job descriptions for vestry members, encouraged members to have initial conversations with people without specific invitations to consider serving
- Treasurer’s report
 - Fr. Patrick asked for feedback re. 2018 budget with respect to planning for 2019
 - Ann Pearce asked for consideration of increased money for hospitality and evangelism considering current efforts around welcoming
 - Joe Barbercheck asked when was last time there was a COLA for staff and suggested this is something to consider if the money is there for it
 - Fr. Patrick shared good news re. good performance on investment in past quarter
 - Joe Barbercheck reported on recent finance committee meeting and reviewed current report
 - Michael Donnelly asked question re. utilities costs, Fr. Patrick to do some research looking over past year utility expenses and follow up at next meeting
- Compline
- Adjourned at 9:05 pm