



Vestry Minutes

April 4 2016

Attendees:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lorenger, Mark (Sr. Warden)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kienbaum, Karen (Jr. Warden)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hix, Mike (Secretary)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Van Culin, Andrew	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baruah, Sandy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gaskin, David
<input type="checkbox"/> Iannace, Lynnette	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Knight, Scottie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MacLean, Lisa
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sweeny, Donald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walsh, Brendan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Creedon, Betsy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Redfield, David	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boeckler, Lori	<input type="checkbox"/> Sutton, George
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bowe, Sarah	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hesse, Vicki	<input type="checkbox"/> Hanoian, Scott
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ward, Diane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sweeney, Amie (Treasurer)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bridgemohan, Areeta

***Checked means present, unchecked means not present**

Summary of action taken:

- No action taken

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Call to order: 7:09 p.m. by Father Van Culin.

Opening prayer by Father Drew

Celebrate the Wins

- David Gaskin stated that his wife's funeral was very well done. He felt very fortunate to have such great support from the Ministry team, the music was wonderful and the congregation was most supportive.
- Betsy Creedon indicated that she appreciated Father Portaro being present for Holy week. Thought it was a great idea to have him present.
- Water in lobby is a good thing. Very artistic display. Donations were up by 50% over last year. Appreciate the Vestry support to move towards a targeted appeal.
- It was noted that the Labyrinth in Miller Hall was a nice space. Garden was gorgeous with special thanks to the Redfield's for donating their plants for use in the Garden. Materials for prayer and reflection were wonderful.



- Appreciation for the publication of Crossings. The inclusion of reflections from parishioner's after attending an Event is a nice addition. It was noted that the entire publication was done in house.
- Lent madness was fun and educational. Betsy Creedon noted she played with non-Episcopalian friends.

Decisions

No decisions this month.

Discussion Items

By-laws Update

Mark Lorenger shared that he has been charged to work on a by-laws review. Mark indicated he has formed a taskforce to provide advice to him which includes David Gaskin, Karen Kienbaum, Peggy Beadle, Patsy Gotfredson, David Jones, John Woodhouse, and Diane Ward. Mark also stated he would gather input from each Vestry member as well. Mark mentioned he was targeting a presentation to Vestry I in June, and assuming agreement a presentation to Parish in September.

Leadership for Mission

Father Drew indicated that all commissions are formed and being scheduled to meet with the exception of the Stewardship Commission. We are focusing on Annual Campaign first.

Convention Delegates:

Looking ahead we will appoint 3 from Parish and 3 alternates. In the past two years, the delegate's appointments allowed us to identify those we wanted to increase involvement in leadership roles. Colleen Fitzgerald and Heather Hakim were named last year. The convention is a one day, one night commitment. We have always filled the alternates with our officers. One pool we would like to invite to participate as delegates are unelected vestry. The Vestry agrees with the approach. In May or June Father Drew will bring the recommended delegate list to you.

Easter Appeal

Diane Ward reported that preliminary numbers show that we made over \$14,000 in the Easter Appeal. This was approximately \$7,000 more than last year. The approach of a targeted appeal seems to have had impact and we are proud that our community as a whole responded. We saw engagement from some members who have not been engaged lately. It was requested that regular updates on the Flint initiatives be shared. Sandy Baruah said he would be willing to assist in getting updates for Flint.



Staff and Finance Reports

Diane Ward shared that we had our Vestry Calling netted us ~20 additional pledges year to date totaling ~45k. We are continuing to evaluate the Stewardship process. One example is discussing the value of the pledge card. The focus is clearly in support of the budget; however, there is a foundational spiritual component to stewardship and our relationship to money in our spiritual journey. It is noted that the Church is one of the only organizations that do pledges versus contribution drives. It was noted that many of these conversations would take place at the Annual Giving Committee and Stewardship Committee.

A discussion around the Vestry's role with stewardship and thus the need for stewardship as a qualification for Vestry Membership was held. Clearly there are multiple components to Vestry qualifications with financial stewardship being one of them.

Investment Subcommittee

Amie Sweeney stated that there had been no activity but she did pledge to work with Bruce Greening and get that subcommittee going.

Tutag Property

The vision for the use of the Tutag property was shared by Father Drew. He emphasized that Areeta is researching how we can use the home as part of our outreach work. Under consideration are items like housing for Episcopal Service Corp, or Refugees, etc. Father Drew indicated he did not support selling Tutag for two specific reasons. He truly felt that if we let go of the real property the ability to get the Parish to support purchase of real property in the future would be slim. Furthermore, if we sold the property and invested back into the Endowment it would be at best \$12K annually.

A suggestion of doing a town hall for neighbors may be beneficial to let them know that we care, and hear any concerns they may have. In the meantime, we are doing our best to have the house looked lived in.

Directory

Father Drew informed the Vestry that the Directory was being printed and would be available within a couple of weeks.



Consent Approval of Minutes

- March 7, 2016 Vestry minutes
- January 24, 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes

Minutes were moved to accept by Brendan Walsh and seconded by Sandy Baruah. Motion passed.

The Meeting was closed in Prayer by Mark Lorenger at 9:00p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Diane E. Ward

Associate for Finance and Administration

The next meeting of the Vestry will be held on May 2, 2016.

Approved by:

Mike Hix

Vestry Secretary



Documents submitted:

- Minutes of the April 4, 2016 Vestry Meeting
- Staff Reports:
 - Music
 - Christian Formation
 - Parish Life,
 - Outreach
 - Christ Church Spirituality Center
 - Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
 - Facilities
 - Business Office Report