

Vestry Minutes

May 2, 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 type="checkbox"/> Baruah, Sandy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gaskin, David
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Iannace, Lynnette	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Knight, Scottie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MacLean, Lisa
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sutton, George
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bowe, Sarah	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hesse, Vicki	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hanoian, Scott
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ward, Diane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sweeney, Amie (Treasurer)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bridgemohan, Aareta

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

Summary of action taken:

- Vestry approved request for two projects to go to Conservation Trust
- Vestry approved Clergy to perform marriages for LBGT community

Call to Order and Opening P r a y e r

Call to order: 7:08 p.m. by Father Van Culin.

Opening prayer by Father Drew

Celebrate the Wins

- Youth appreciated the Tour they received during Sunday School last week
- Presentation by Eric Ash during the Forum was well received and enjoyed
- Appreciation for the partnership we have with the Family Center
- Celebrate the advancement of Christian Hansen to his new role at St. Michaels in Virginia. It shows the growth and development we have provided to him as a community as well. (Of course we are sad to see him leave also)

Decisions

Conservation Trust Request

Request from Building and Grounds (pg. 7 of the packet) to ask Vestry to request \$54,165 from Conservation Trust on two additional projects this summer was discussed. The two projects:

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| – Repair and Replace Asphalt along Driveway and Parking Lot | 22,000 |
| – Repair and Repaint: Wood, Trim and Stucco at Rectory | 25,000 |
| – Contingency (15%) | 7,065 |

Total Request 54,165

It was shared that the rectory work was part of a city inspection for a rental certificate of occupancy inspection. We have developed a three year plan to cover the full structure and the amount would be approximately the same year to complete the work. We are addressing the most critical area with this request and will be in compliance with the city.

Karen Kienbaum moved to accept the proposal, Betsy Creedon seconded. Further discussion about needing to replace some gutters which is not in this proposal, and the comfort that we will stay within the approved dollars available from Conservation was held. Motion passed.

Solemnization of Marriages regardless of gender

Father Drew held a discussion on building an inclusive church and performing marriages regardless of gender. Father Drew supported holding this topic for decision and allowing time for reflection. The discussion included:

- Federal law now permits marriages in all states regardless of gender
- The Church has adopted the federal law and permits marriages regardless of gender
- Bishop Gibbs has requested that the Vestry and Parish discern on the topic and ensure they are prepared and ready to move forward.

After the discussion, the Vestry indicated they did not have a need to wait and moved the following Motion Forward:

Vestry affirms the Clergy of Christ Church Grosse Pointe to solemnize marriages regardless of gender.

The above motion was moved by Betsy Creedon and seconded by Brendan Walsh. The motion was passed.

Discussion Items

By-laws Update

Mark Lorenger updated the Vestry on the By-laws taskforce work. Mark indicated he was seeking input from the Vestry both electronically and they could do that by replying to his email. A discussion was held emphasizing that whatever the taskforce brings forward must have Vestry support to move forward. If the Vestry does not support the work the recommendation would stop there. The Vestry discussed the importance of sharing the qualifications to be Vestry members.

Finance Report

Diane Ward and Amie Sweeney requested questions on the finance report. In particular, Ms. Ward affirmed that the one area of continued focus is on stewardship. We are continuing to receive some pledges in and we continue to work on advancing commitment. In particular, the first session of the Annual Giving Committee began conversations around moving through and past “renewal” of pledges to an assumption of a pledge. The big question is how to move parishioners through the spiritual growth journey from giving, to pledging, to proportional giving, to tithing, to sacrificial giving. This is why having Vestry members who are themselves well in progress on the spiritual journey who can help with the advocacy and formation of others.

Staff Changes

Father Drew indicated that with the announcement of Christian Hansen’s departure he and The Rev’d Vicki had discussed the role and structure of the position. The decision has been made to move Youth to be under The Rev’d Areeta. The person we will look to replace Christian with would be focused on Children and Families.

Staff Reports

Due to time, it was left that if any Vestry member had a question about staff reports that they should reach out to the staff member directly to get their questions answered.

Consent Approval of Minutes

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Minutes were moved to accept by Brendan Walsh, and seconded by Sarah Bowe. Motion passed.

The Meeting was closed in Prayer by Father Drew at 10:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Diane E. Ward

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Approved by:

Mike Hix, 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
 - Finance Report

