

Vestry Minutes

6 June 2016

Attendees:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lorenger, Mark (Sr. Warden)	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Knight, Scottie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MacLean, Lisa
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sweeny, Donald	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Bridgemohan, Areeta

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

Summary of action taken:

- Vestry approved to Conservation Trust to fund the purchase of two Copiers
- Vestry approved resolution for New Member Committee Charter

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

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

Opening prayer by David Redfield

Celebrate the Wins

- The antique show had good attendance; support from staff was a great partnership and kudo's to the facilities staff were a great asset
- Everyone is excited about the Spain Trip
- The Bishop's visit had great engagement
- The celebration for Christian and Nicole Hansen was very nice and well attended
- Our ability as a community to conduct a Funeral in the midst of the Antique Show was testament to how staff and volunteers coordinate so well to meet the mission
- Leadership for Mission dialogue has been positive education and assisting in furthering our culture and community norms by establishing roles and responsibilities for everyone

Decisions

Conservation Trust Request

The lease on our two Canon copiers is up for renewal. Finance is recommending we purchase rather than lease new copiers and make a request to Conservation Trust to fund the copiers. This is an appropriate request for Conservation Trust under policy and is similar to the funding of telephones a few years ago. We will move from paying 30k+ dollars a year to 10-12k a year; saving us close to 20k a year in operational dollars. Finance is exploring whether we will finance the purchase externally or finance the purchase internally. Financing the request externally the request to Conservation Trust to pay for the copiers over a 5 year period would total approximately 85k including financing costs. David Gaskin moved to accept the proposal, Lori Boeckler seconded; the motion passed.

Expanding our Welcome

As a follow up to last month's discussion around solemnizing marriages for the LGBTQ community Father Drew indicated he wanted to provide guidance to the membership committee relative to welcoming a larger community to Christ Church strategically. Father Drew presented a resolution he would like Vestry to join him in embracing to go to the Membership committee. After a thorough discussion the following modified resolution was presented:

Modified Resolution: As an expression of our mission to bring God and people together to know and live the Good News of Jesus Christ, we, the Vestry, join Father Drew in asking the Member Development Committee to identify those segments of our community that we are not currently serving, meeting, or incorporating into our congregational life, and to identify strategies to express to them our welcome and God's love.

Sarah Bowe moved to accept, Mark Lorenger seconded. The motion was passed.

Discussion Items

Finance Report

The Vestry was asked if they had any questions of the May 2016 financial reports presented. The question was raised whether we should be adjusting the budget around the potential revenue shortfall of 100k from stewardship. The answer was that we do not adjust the budget but we explain the variance and be transparent about the gap. Further conversation around we are still seeing contributions without pledges which is exceeding what we budgeted. Some parishioners will contribute but do not want to pledge for various reasons, including that they do not want a liability against their estate should they pass. Father Drew explained, that the pledge is very important in the Church because is a part of our Christian discipleship. Pledging is part of our relationship with God, making us more faithful Christians.

No further questions on the finances were made.

Antique Show

Father Drew stated he was aware there has been many conversations around the announcement that the Antique Show will not continue. As a leadership team we need to be of one voice as we speak about this to the community. One of the questions that has been raised is whether the Vestry will reconsider the decision. For foundational understanding, especially our first year Vestry members, Father Drew shared the process used to make the decision.

1. Antique Show Volunteer Leadership raised a question about the ability to sustain the Antique Show based on waning volunteer engagement especially at the Chair level.
2. 2016 Leaders for Antique Show brought their concerns to the Vestry in December.
3. Vestry discerned that the Antique Show leadership made a prevailing presentation and embraced the recommendation to discontinue the show.

With this understanding, the Vestry discussed the question of reversing the decision. First and foremost, it was noted that the Vestry in place in December supported the discontinuation of the Antique Show. To reverse another leadership team's discernment should be done sparingly and within specific guidelines. In specific, the critical question is has any new information come to our knowledge that would support a reversal of the decision. Everyone has a whole agreed no new information was provided. Absent, new information the Vestry embraced not reversing the decision and agreed it would be poor practice to reverse decisions of prior leadership without good cause.

A question was asked about whether the Choir Trip or Choir was threatened with this action. Father Drew replied, it is not in our vision to have any impact today. The real question as we proceed is: "What is God's call of us?" Maybe raising money for the Choir Trip is not what God directs us to in the future, maybe he wants to lead us to raise money for outreach or Christian Formation. As we move forward with

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

May 2, 2016 minutes were included and no corrections were noted.

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

Submitted by:



Diane E. Ward

Approved by:

Mike Hix, Secretary