

Vestry Minutes

2 April 2017

Attendees:

<input type="checkbox"/> Kienbaum, Karen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Creedon, Betsy	<input type="checkbox"/> Hix, Mike (Secretary)*
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Van Culin, Andrew	<input type="checkbox"/> Ash, Eric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baruah, Lisa
<input type="checkbox"/> Boeckler, Lori	<input type="checkbox"/> Bowe, Sarah	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fitzgerald, Colleen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gaskin, David	<input type="checkbox"/> Iannace, Lynette	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nealssohn, Thom
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Osborn, Blair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Redfield, David	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sutton, George
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walsh, Brendan	<input type="checkbox"/> Skedel, Dan (Treasurer)*	<input type="checkbox"/> Bridgemohan, Areeta
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hanoian, Scott	<input type="checkbox"/> Hesse, Vicki	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ward, Diane

Summary of action taken:

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Call to order: 2:07 p.m. by Father Drew. Opening Prayer by Brendan Walsh

Celebrate the Wins

- Forums on outreach have been informative and well received
- Outreach framework and work is creating a great foundation for future work
- The Lent programming is also appreciated and well attended

Decisions

- No Decisions

Discussion Items

Father Drew asked everyone to go to page 10 where the By-Laws Review and Amendment was located. Father Drew highlighted that this amendment was passed by the Vestry at the January 2017 meeting. The next step is to implement the amendment which would include revisions to the By-Laws and discussion of how to move it forward to a special parish meeting. To help with the implementation of the By-Laws Amendment Father Drew is inviting four members to partner with him in a small Taskforce. The members were identified as Mark Lorenger, Blair Osborn, Brendan Walsh and Lynette Iannace.

The Vestry and Father Drew discussed the process of how the amendment moves forward. After the discussion, the following points were acknowledged: the amendment requires the Parish to approve them with a majority vote; while the presentation can be accomplished under Robert's Rules in a single meeting, the taskforce will make a recommendation for communications that will come back to the Vestry in May. The target date for completing the Parish Meeting would be June 2017. The June deadline is important to have the up or down vote form the Parish before Nominating begins in August.

The second topic for the meeting was the review of the Role of the Vestry as Spirituals Leaders. Materials for this discussion were found on page 11 of the packet. Father Drew asked the Vestry Members to reflect on their take away from the Vestry Retreat. Below are some highlighted comments:

- The challenge of many churches being in a state of decline and the decline being directly related to the spiritual health of the parish starting with the Vestry
- A deeper desire to connect with others in the parish to better understand who I can model after for my spiritual growth and to make myself a potential model to others
- It is all about relationships. Relationship with self, others, and God. We can meet people where they are and help guide them by our example to help them become what they want to become.
- The Spiritual Journey requires us to be good stewards of our relationship with God and others.

Father Drew appreciated the feedback and acknowledged that the spiritual life of the community is critical and it starts with the Leaders who help make spiritual decisions. We shape it with how we spend our time. Father Drew posed two other questions that Vestry Members provided reflection on: What about the spiritual journey excites you and how has your life been enriched by the spiritual journey.

Father Drew closed the conversation by asking the Vestry to reflect on how we as a leadership spend our time together. Father Drew, as the Spiritual Leader of the Parish, proposes some prioritization of our time together. On page 16 of the packet the following proposed schedule for the Vestry meetings would be:

6:00 pm	Holy Eucharist
6:30 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm	Opening Prayer (using <i>Hour by Hour</i>)
7:05 pm	The Word (using <i>The Path</i>)
7:35 pm	Mission, Vision, and Ministry
8:55 pm	Closing Prayer (using <i>Hour by Hour</i>)

Father Drew also highlighted information from the Rector's Report on page 25 of the packet around upcoming Vestry Work:

Leadership for Mission: What is the Professional | Corporate Church?
Friday, May 12, 6 to 9 pm
Saturday, May 13, 9 am to 5 pm

The Rev'd Jim Lemler Rector of Christ Church Greenwich and a leading organization system leaders within the Episcopal Church will lead us in an exploration and discussion of the Corporate Church. Jim will return after working with the Vestry at the 2015 retreat. The May 1st Vestry Meeting will be held as normal.

In addition, Father Drew is working on bringing Mike Duvall, author of Making the Pledge Obsolete, in for a stewardship retreat in June. Participants would include members of the Vestry, Annual Giving Committee and potentially Finance Committee. Father Drew will keep the Vestry updated as plans are firmed with Mr. Duvall.

Father Drew noted that the Ministry Report are in the packet and questions can be answered by the appropriate staff lead. Father Drew also highlighted that the Financial Statements for February were a separate document for everyone to retrieve. There are no highlighted concerns today to discuss with the Vestry and any questions can be directed to either Dan Skedel Treasurer or Diane Ward.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m. Closing prayer by Brendan Walsh

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Vestry Secretary

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