



Vestry Minutes 6 November 2017

Attendees:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kienbaum, Karen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Creedon, Betsy	<input type="checkbox"/> Hix, Mike (Secretary)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Van Culin, Andrew	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ash, Eric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baruah, Lisa
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boeckler, Lori	<input type="checkbox"/> Bowe, Sarah	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fitzgerald, Colleen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gaskin, David	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Walsh, Brendan	<input type="checkbox"/> Skedel, Dan (Treasurer)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bridgemohan, Areeta
<input type="checkbox"/> Hanoian, Scott	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ward, Diane

Summary of action taken:

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Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Call to order: 7:35 p.m. by Father Drew. Opening Prayer by Brendan Walsh

Celebrate the Wins

- Requiem was a wonderful service and the reception was well done
- Gratitude Talks by Thom Nealssohn was wonderful
- A Mighty Fortress concert was spectacular
- Leadership Reception was well attended

Decisions

- No Decisions



Discussion Items

Gifts and Greens

Diane Ward said that we are moving forward with Gifts and Greens and have an ask for Vestry Members. There are three ways that the Vestry can help:

- Buy a Bottle of Wine value of greater than \$25
- Ask for gift cards/certificates from Vendors/Restaurants you know. If you are reaching out please let everyone know so we don't reach out to the same people.
- Consider hosting a Dinner around Town

The outreach committee selected two recipients for the proceeds: Ruth Ellis And Wellspring. It was suggested that we invite them to the party and Rev'd Areeta indicated she would.

Diane highlighted that we had chairs for the Parish Market [Catherine Ash], the Tree Lot [Ned Johnson/George Sutton] and the Greens Boutique [Jean Redfield]. We have struggled in finding someone to chair the Silent Auction. We have worked for three months in asking various persons and have not been able to find someone.

A general discussion around volunteerism and how we can get more parishioners engaged. It was a general feeling that despite many written notices of ways to volunteer people respond best to a personal ask to volunteer.

It was highlighted that we have two committees engaged in Gifts and Greens: Fundraising and Outreach.

Committees/Commissions

Father Drew shared that at Vestry orientation the committees/commissions are covered with who is on what committees. Father Drew highlighted that as noted that we choose people to join committees/commissions based on skill, talent, and interest. If someone is interested in joining or knowing more about a committee they can contact the office staff – the Staff liaison/chair for the committee. We have established terms for committees or two primary reasons:

- Way to engage new voices/new families into ministries
- Allow a time when a person can say I am ready to take a break

It is possible that someone can stay on a committee when their term ends, but that is a mutual decision at the time the term ends.



Father Drew handed out the current committees/commissions booklet that includes:

- Purpose Committee/Commission
- Names of committee members
- Meeting Frequency

Father Drew stated Vestry can share the list with anyone who asks, they can refer them to the staff who will also provide copies to anyone who asks. The committees/commissions are not a secret and Father Drew appreciates the Vestry emphasizing this for everyone.

Stewardship Teams

Diane handed out the stewardship team sheets and highlighted the following details.

The stewardship teams are built around the circle groups which we will discuss in a moment. We have a total of 10 teams. DIANE walked through the composition of the teams, and highlighted that each team had approximately 16 families to reach. The committees were provided contact information and suggested talking points for reaching out to families. The request is to have families contacted by December 15, 2017.

Diane indicated she would update the teams with pledge status weekly so they would know who has pledged and who has not as they go forward.

Circle Groups

Father Drew stated that the stewardship teams were built on the foundation of the circle groups. There will be 10 circle groups. Third and second year Vestry members will be assigned to a circle group as their Vestry liaison. Vestry will be part of another group just as a member. This way as Vestry members rotate off they have their own fellowship group that is not aligned with their role as a Vestry member. There are suggested fellowship events that will be coordinated with Shepherds for the circles. Vestry and Shepherds will work together to ensure fellowship events take place. Once Father Drew has secured 20 shepherds – 2 per circle he will roll more information out.

Harvest Moon/Hurricane Relief

The Harvest Moon cruise netted just over \$4,000 dollars. The dollars will be added to the Hurricane relief dollars collected which totaled just under 6,300 so we will contribute more than \$10k to the Hurricane relief effort. This is a nice celebration.

Consent Agenda

Request to have a week to review the minutes before they are finalized.



Meeting was closed at 9:50 p.m. Closing Prayer

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Approved by:

Michael Hix
Vestry Secretary