

February 24, 2020 Vestry Meeting Minutes

Present at the meeting were Patty Alexander, Rosi Sweeney, Carl Adams, Vince Leonard, Chuck Cash, Robin Reed, Cliff White, Sue Carroll, Frenchie Gogos, Joanne Comstock, Walter Douglas, Fred Bentley and Donna Alvarez.

Important upcoming events are Ash Wednesday services at 12:00 noon and 7:00PM on February 26, 2020. Adult Inquirers' Class is at 11:30AM March 1, 8, 15, 29 and April 19 and 26. All are welcome. Palm Sunday is April 5th, 2020. On Holy Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, there will be joint evening services with Redeemer. Maundy Thursday there will be an Agape Supper, followed by Eucharist, Footwashing and stripping of the altar at St. Dunstan's. On Good Friday, there will be a joint evening service with Redeemer at St. Dunstan's. Easter Sunday there will be two services of Eucharist, with a community Easter Egg Hunt. The Diocesan confirmation service at the Cathedral will be May 9, 2020.

Rosi led the opening prayer. Chuck is the time keeper, and the meeting evaluator is Donna. Sue will lead the opening prayer in March. Patty welcomed the new Vestry members: Fred Bentley, Vince Leonard, Walter Douglas and Karen Edwards (unable to attend). Vince, Walter and Donna took the Vestry Oath. Patty also welcomed Seminarian, Robin Reed, who is an observer. The January Minutes and the evening's agenda were reviewed and approved. Patty led us in a discussion of Romans: 9-13 and noted that these verses could be good material for a mission statement and a charge to the Vestry.

Rector's Report

Patty thanked the Men's Group and especially John Wyss and Chuck for their leadership in serving a great lunch at the Annual Meeting. Patty reviewed the upcoming calendar items. The date selected for the half-day Vestry Retreat is April 18th from 9:00AM to 12:00AM. We may go out to lunch afterwards. There was a handout on Vestry Ministry Liaison Assignments. These assignments will be finalized at the Retreat. It was noted that the liaison touches base with the people in the parish who are responsible for each area; Vestry members should give prayerful consideration to their choices. On another matter, Patty notes that there is an opening for a class of 2023 Vestry member, and Peta Leitermann Long is considering the position. She may be with us in March. There are three ministry initiative updates. In the area of Children's/Youth ministry, Patty will draft a job description. The Social Justice "Deep Dive" is March 22; the three areas are mental health, homelessness and hunger. The Demographic Task Force meets February 27 at St. Dunstan's. Crickett Park is the Dean over our region, which includes five or six parishes. Walter Douglas said we should avoid politics since we have lost too many members over that topic in the past. Rosi is the spokesperson for the Demographic Task Force; other members are Robin Reed, Lynn Leonard and Nils Overdahl. Patty notes that the church is eligible for a Congregational Growth Grant. Applications for the grant are due April 30, 2020. There was some discussion about whether it is feasible to meet that deadline, and there was a consensus that the parish should wait to apply for the Fall grant.

Wardens' and Vestry Members Reports

Carl led discussion of when the spring fundraiser should be slated. May 16 was selected since that is a time that Joey's band is available. An auction will be part of the event, and the musical theme is yet to be determined. Carl will write an article for the Trailblazer. Carl also offered to repost the sign-up genius for Vestry participation in set-up for the Sunday services. Duties involve being on hand at 9:00AM, setting the thermostat, making coffee and table set up. There will be a clip board for members of the congregation to sign up for service set-up. Patty remarked that she is working on a different use of the screens in the front of the church. Chuck gave the report for the Buildings and Grounds Committee. He circulated a hand-out on landscaping projects to be done and estimates of cost. The committee is leaning toward Ruppert to get the contract. No vote will be taken now. Patty mentioned that on March 10 there is a workshop on working against the culture of decline. Sue is involved in the workshop also.

Treasurer's Report

Cliff says that overall the numbers look good and are consistent with last year. The Rectory rental numbers appear inconsistent because two checks were received at one time. Cliff says the parish needs to sponsor more fundraisers and a gift of \$4,500 to fully fund the choir. Patty says we should listen for opportunities that involve groups who need to rent space. She points out that we have good acoustics, which is a draw for musical groups.

Seminarian's Report

Robin says that it is great to be here. Her hours have gone from 12 per week to 24 per week this semester. She is overseeing the Maundy Thursday dinner.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00PM after an evaluation and a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Alvarez