

November 21, 2019 Vestry Meeting Minutes

In attendance are Patty Alexander, Mark MacCarthy, Chuck Cash, Sue Carroll, Frenchie Gogos, Carl Adams, Cliff White and Donna Alvarez.

Important events are Dec. 7 at 11:00 AM, Celebration of New Ministry; Dec. 21 at 5:00 PM Family Christmas Carole Sing and Pageant; December 24, Christmas Eve Service. For Christmas Eve, Patty is inclined toward one combined service at 7:00 PM, but no determination has been made so far.

The timekeeper is Carl and meeting evaluator is Mark. Carl will lead the opening prayer at the next meeting. Sue led us in prayer. The October 26 minutes were approved. Patty led a discussion of 1 Thessalonians 5:13-18.

Rector's Report

Rosi's brother-in-law has passed recently. A sympathy card was signed by all. Rosi regrets that because of funeral arrangements, she will not be able to attend the Celebration of New Ministry. There was a brief discussion of Chapter 7 from Imagining Abundance, especially as it pertains to the Vestry's work on the Stewardship Campaign. There was a discussion of the Celebration of New Ministry. Patty circulated a Draft Template Roadmap for Onboarding a New Rector. We reviewed the strategic priorities in the time period 3-9 months. The Celebration of New Ministry will not be the prayerbook version; Bishop Chilton prefers the "Renewal of Ministry". As a part of that service, gifts will be brought forth (gifts are not secret), and the congregation will renew baptismal vows. As a side note, Patty said that Joey and Kim need to receive formal detailed contracts and that Joey will have the title of Ministry of Music and Organist. People were happy with the title change for Joey. Chuck reported on the plans for the luncheon for the celebration. After a tasting meeting, a menu has been selected from Provisions. There is a plan for 100 people at \$25 per person. It would be great to firm up the number of expected guests. Patty will try to come up with an estimate based on family, former colleagues and friends; it is difficult to pin everyone down. Frenchie will provide soft drinks, and Carl and Chuck will bartend. If anyone asks about the financing of this event, the Vestry has money left over from transition funds.

On the topics of evangelism and church growth, we need to work on a Mission Statement, Website, MissionInsite and strategic planning. Although Vestry members can contribute in these areas, Patty will recruit from outside the Vestry. Andrew Walter, rector of Grace Church, is the new Diocesan Canon for Strategic Collaboration as of January of 2020. He meets with parishes and may help us. Patty circulated a flyer on a revival on Sunday, January 26 in SE Washington. Mariann Budde and Michael Curry are featured speakers. The Diocesan Convention is January 25, and our delegate is Mark MacCarthy with Sue Newman as alternate.

Wardens' Report

In Rosi's absence, Carl started with a review of the Oktoberfest. The event went well; since about \$600 was raised, we assume about 60 adults attended. 55 children went through the Haunted House thanks to the Douglas family. We need to think about a Spring fundraiser. Chuck points out that a committee for the fundraiser needs to be identified as soon as possible.

Buildings and Grounds Committee Report

Chuck says that the committee is made up of himself and John Wyss as co-chairs plus Tony Gomez, Vince Adduci, Scott MacMillan, and Carl. They are in the process of getting competitive bids for landscaping and drainage issues. One more leaf cleaning has been scheduled. There is a buildings and grounds walk-through with Patty on the Monday after Thanksgiving.

Nominating Committee for 2020 Vestry Election

Patty says that there should be a variety of people on the nominating committee. We have lost Joel and Clint; and Mark, Kiska and Donna rotate off. We need four people on the Vestry and one Registrar, although there is discussion as to when that term is up. We need a slate by February.

Stewardship Campaign and Treasurer's Report

Cliff circulated a report on the campaign. There are a number of people who pledged in the past but have not pledged yet. Sue will try to find a person who knows someone on the list and will have that person send a guided email, as a first step. Sue went through the list of potential pledgers, and most were assigned to Sue or Patty. When we finish the campaign, we will need to discuss the impact on the 2020 budget. Sue suggests that when the campaign is over, we should review the process and make notes for next year. Donna suggested that the congregation needs some feedback when the process is over, and there was agreement. Cliff circulated a Treasurer's Report for October of 2019 and says that the revenue is on track. He was thanked for his efforts.

The next meeting is December 18 at 7:30 PM. December 23 is a backup date. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM after a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Alvarez