

October 20, 2019 1:00PM Vestry Meeting Minutes

In attendance were Patty Alexander, Lacy Douglas, Chuck Cash, Joanne Comstock, Carl Adams, Sue Carroll, Mark MacCarthy, Donna Alvarez, Frenchie Gogos.

Mark your calendars for Vestry participation: Oktoberfest on October 26, Consecration Sunday Brunch on November 17, Celebration of New Ministry on December 7 at 11:00AM.

Mark is timekeeper; Sue will do evaluation. Sue will do the opening prayer next meeting. Frenchie did the opening prayer. Patty led us in a discussion of Luke 8:14-15. Patty noted that we need to constantly “weed” to get rid of what does not serve us since those things keep us from doing more. A sympathy card for Kiska was passed around and signed. Also, Patty told us about an automobile accident which resulted in some damage to the iron railing near the street.

Patty gave a Rector’s Report. The first item was Christian Formation. Patty likes the format for adult formation that Sue used over the summer. Patty is working on organizing a confirmation class or an adult inquirers class. Patty talked to Cricket about suspending the Wednesday night youth meetings with Redeemer since no one from St. Dunstan’s attended. Patty reported on her luncheon today with youth from the church. There were Sophia and Alexa and two boys. All said that Wednesday night is not a good time for them to be at a meeting. There is no list of parish birthdays, and Patty and Kim are working on that. In January there is a Diocesan Convention in S.E. Washington. The format will be in the form of a Revival, and there will be some things for kids. At our church, Mary Pat, Fran, Coco and the Bell boys would like a Sunday School class. George and Sara Bell are willing to participate in the class. Patty would like to develop a cooperative Sunday School program with participation from at least three or four families. Maybe the children could be sent out before the Sermon and return during the Peace. We have no person to do nursery care now.

The next phase of Patty’s report was on church growth including strategies for evangelism and hospitality. The question is how to incarnate Christ’s mission here. We need to identify a Mission Statement; for instance, Emanuel is known as the pumpkin church because of the pumpkin patch which is the source of money for outreach. There is software available to get “mission insight” into neighborhood demographics. This could be important to us with the Westbard development. It was noted that Julie knows about strategic planning. On another matter, Chuck reported on the website which is ready to go live. It is heavy on pictures and light on text. Ali will be here with video equipment for the All Saints Day jazz service. It is desirable to get the website going.

Patty spoke next about the Celebration of New Ministry. Peter Turner at the Diocese will support us with work on newcomers incorporation including how to track newcomers and reach out to them. In November we need to brainstorm about symbolic gifts which are part of the Celebration of New Ministry ceremony. We discussed who would be willing to do the luncheon. It is not a budgeted expense. Would it be the Transition Committee? How do we pay for it?

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Mark spoke for the Social Justice committee. There will be a meeting tomorrow. Some people are interested in the issue of gun violence. If we know who are the victims, we could add them to the prayer list. Sue points out that we used to pray for the recent war dead by name.

The Wardens' Report was next starting with a report on the Building and Grounds Committee. Chuck says that we now have himself, John Wyss, Vince Adduci, Scott McMillan, Tony Gomez and Carl Adams. A copy of the contracts were sent to the committee, and they will do a walk through to search for problem areas. The gutters have been cleaned. We are having a problem in church transitioning from air-conditioning to heat.

The Oktoberfest planning was next. The SignUpGenius was filled in as much as possible. Carl talked to Joey, and he will supply the music. Clint Chamberlain will reach out to Norman Martin. We discussed tickets and the need for change. Lacy says that the haunted house has enough workers. Patty and Kim will work on the flyers (St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church does not appear on the flyer), and Frenchie will distribute them. She will also decorate, and Patty will provide pumpkins. Patty will speak to Sue Von about face painting.

The Consecration Brunch was the next topic. Carl will send out a SignUpGenius for Nov. 17. Chuck will look into catering options. We think we may have funding for about \$20 per person. Patty says we should plan for 100.

Sue gave a report on stewardship campaign status. One letter will go out to all from Patty followed by an email and then a third email from Sue and Rosi. No materials will be sent to people who have expressed interest in the church but have not attended.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Carl in Cliff's absence. Cliff has sent a handout and says that there are no issues to flag at this time. Patty will speak to Elin Botha about outreach expenditures when she returns.

Before the meeting evaluation, Patty introduced a sponsorship opportunity from BCC High School. The Vestry decided to put the opportunity off until next year when we have a good Mission Statement. The next Vestry Meeting will be on Nov. 11 at 7:30PM. Patty gave out Imagining Abundance by Kerry Alys Robinson and would like us to read it by the next meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Alvarez