

February 26, 2018

**St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church
Bethesda, MD
Minutes of the Vestry Meeting**

In attendance:

Jeff MacKnight
Joel Hemphill
Carl Adams
Frank McCormick
Sue Carroll
Lacy Douglas
Chuck Cash
Clint Chamberlain
Mark MacCarthy
Cliff White
Rosi Sweeney
Eugene Wright

The vestry meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Led by Carl Adams. Sue will lead the opening prayer at the December meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

ACTION: The vestry approved minutes from prior meetings.

Dwelling in the Word:

The scripture for this meeting was from Mark 1:11-12, in the wilderness.

Rector's/ Report:

Jeff shared the good news that Connelly Jo Gomez "coco" was born to Julie Anderson and Tony Gomez and that all were doing well.

He presented the 2016 Parochial report, the statistical report for St. Dunstan's and the vestry discussed attendance and participation.

ACTION: The vestry approved the 2017 Parochial Report.

Wardens' Report:

Carl noted that the Cabaret will be Saturday April 21 with the theme Mary Poppins in Victorian London. He, Joel and Jeff discussed various aspects of the event and noted that invitations soon would be sent. The vestry also discussed the potential impact of the new tax law on donations.

Second Sunday Socials:

Frank McCormick is coordinating the socials and asked that the dates be included on the church online calendar.

Sixtieth Anniversary Event:

The vestry discussed having this event on May 6 to avoid a conflict with mother's day, and making the theme one of a fun birthday party with a picnic, food, games, etc to attract not only parishioners but neighbors. Joel will look into postcard mailings for this event.

Church Security Team:

Joel and Rosi will coordinate with Tony Gomez in order to become better informed about church security.

Feedback from other churches:

This item will be discussed at a future vestry meeting. Our goal is to learn from the experience of other churches that have managed change and achieved growth in the current climate.

Treasurer's Report

Cliff explained the changes in the budget from the prior year and noted that prepaid pledges were up due to tax law changes. He responded to questions about the property and use of the building.

Meeting Evaluation:

Rosi noted that the meeting had been very positive, with everyone engaged in thoughtful conversation.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Rosemarie Sweeney, Registrar