

**May 21, 2018**

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

**In attendance:**

Julie Anderson  
Carl Adams  
Joel Hemphill  
Chuck Cash  
Frank McCormick  
Sue Carroll  
Clint Chamberlin  
Rosi Sweeney

**Opening Prayer:**

Carl gave the opening prayer. Rosi agreed to do the opening prayer at the next meeting.

Frank served as Meeting Evaluator and Chuck as Timekeeper.

**Dwelling in the Word:**

The Scripture Reflection this month focused on Pentecost.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes for April and May will be considered at the next meeting.

**Warden's Report:**

The Warden's emphasized that the 2018 Annual Giving Campaign will need two co-chairs. No one volunteered to serve as co-chair. Sue Carroll and Rosi Sweeney volunteered to serve on the committee. Annual Giving will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Julie noted that the Wardens along with Jeff have responsibility for renegotiating the contracts with Wonder's and Manor. Julie disclosed that she potentially would have a conflict of interest in the negotiations with as, being a new parent, she will be

considering Manor as a school for her child. The vestry appreciated Julie's disclosure and indicated that because both Wardens along with Jeff are responsible there is no need for Julie to recuse herself from the negotiations.

### **Picnic:**

Frank provided an overview of plans for the picnic including the bounce house and magician Abracadabra Alex. The vestry discussed food and publicity and Frank will prepare a sign up genius for the congregation. Julie will help with publicity. Carl is bringing the hamburgers and hotdogs.

### **Open Mic Night:**

Clint noted that Open Mic night was held on May 12 for the benefit of Samaritan Ministry. Bach to Rock was very supportive and would be interested in participating in other events. Attendance was about 30 people and that may have been impacted by Mother's Day weekend. He did share one glitch – when he opened the office the security alarm was triggered and the police did show up but only after an hour. He suggested that perhaps the staff could follow up with the security company about the response time and also make sure that people holding events in the church have the code to access the office.

### **Building Issues:**

Joel reported on building issues related to the rectory and said that quotes had been obtained for painting, retaining wall, etc. He noted that the gutters need to be cleaned and probably equipped with screen covers. He noted that the grounds clean up had been postponed due to weather and would be rescheduled. Although Joel will not be at the next meeting, he will provide a written report on buildings and grounds issues.

### **Treasurer's report:**

In Cliff's absence Julie provided the treasurer's report with no significant changes from the prior month. The vestry discussed that the proceeds from the Cabaret Auction were several thousand less than budgeted and Julie asked that Jeff and Cliff report at the next meeting on plans to make up the shortfall.

### **Justice League:**

Mark Reported that the Justice League event on refugees scheduled for June 5 needs to be publicized. Julie will assist Mark with this.

### **Miscellaneous Items:**

The vestry was encouraged to support the Redeemer Strawberry Festival.

Sue Carroll encouraged the vestry to have listening sessions over a period of 5 weeks modeled on the appreciative inquiry technique that was used at the vestry retreat but with "appreciation cards" for people to write down positive experiences of St. Dunstan's. She noted that this could help identify important themes.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. following a brief meeting evaluation and prayer.

*Respectfully Submitted by Rosemarie Sweeney, Registrar*