

**April 23, 2018**

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

**In attendance:**

Jeff MacKnight  
Julie Anderson  
Carl Adams  
Joel Hemphill  
Chuck Cash  
Frank McCormick  
Sue Carroll  
Clint Chamberlin  
Lacy Douglas  
Elizabeth Douglas  
Rosi Sweeney

**Opening Prayer:**

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

**Dwelling in the Word:**

The Scripture Reflection this month focused on the them of "in the wilderness" and serving as a good shepherd.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**ACTION:** The vestry approved minutes from the last meeting. The minutes now will be posted on the website as amended.

**Rector's/ Report:**

Jeff discussed Holy Week and Easter and noted that compared to last year attendance overall was fairly similar. He said there is a larger group of people who identify with St. Dunstan's and who generally only attend on Christmas and Easter.

Jeff thanked everyone for helping make the cabaret a success. Attendance was around 80 people. The auction is a challenge as bids are only 25% to 30 percent of the value of items. The second set of Nat's tickets was a great help to the bottom line.

He noted that building repair expenses for maintenance and repair are running high this year compared to last year. Recently the leaking faucets in the kitchen were replaced.

Leases for both Wonder's and Manner are up and will need to be renegotiated. The Wardens and Jeff will take lead on both of these.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Jeff also provided an overview of the Treasurer's report and noted that most variances, with the exception of building expenses, are related to timing.

### **Picnic:**

The Picnic date will be June 3 and will include entertainment for the children. The event will be publicized to the local community.

### **Feedback from other churches:**

Joel provided an update on his conversations with St. John's Norwood. This is part of a vestry effort to reach out to parishes that have experienced growth and success in a challenging environment.

### **Update on dinner with Redeemer:**

The vestry has had two meetings with the vestry of Redeemer to get to know one another. Redeemer is planning to start a community chorus. There may be an opportunity to have rehearsals or concerts scheduled at St. Dunstan's.

### **Open Mic Night:**

Clint noted that Open Mic night will be held on May 12 for the benefit of Samaritan Ministry.

### **Building Issues:**

Joel reported on building issues related to the rectory repairs including lighting, painting, trim window work as well as landscaping. He is obtaining bids for this work.

### **Adjournment:**

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

*Respectfully Submitted by Rosemarie Sweeney, Registrar*