

Vestry meeting: September 9, 2018

The Episcopal Church of St Paul & St Andrew Vestry met after worship on 9/9/2018. Present: Jim Duffy, John Stugart, Vicky Hall, Burt MacKensie, Steve Israel, Mike Prather, Margie Nevins, Janice Puleo.

The minutes of the July 8, 2018 meeting were presented. Motion was made by Steve Israel, seconded by Burt MacKensie to accept as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Jim and Margie reminded the Vestry that minutes must specifically state that 'minutes are presented, motion made and seconded to accept as written or as amended, then state if motion passed or failed' in order to satisfy the audit committee. Minutes are accepted, not approved by the Vestry. This will be adhered to when documenting future meetings.

Senior Warden Report:

-Operation shoebox for Christmas needs a leader. Vestry agreed to present to congregation for volunteers.

-Leaders for Sunday School, specifically Godly Play, are needed. So many have given their time in the past but now new teachers are needed. We may lose some church attendees if we do not provide this. Vestry agreed to present to congregation for volunteers as well as send out a letter of need to all.

Treasurer's Report:

Reports for July and August 2018 were presented and discussed. Margie advised the Benchmark Community Bank Certificate of Deposit which matured was reinvested in the LPL account as a CD. Rates and terms were more favorable than those offered by the bank. Jim questioned if annual pledges are near planned amounts. Margie reported they are lagging behind. All agreed this is a difficult time without a permanent priest and likely is the main cause for this. Motion to accept July and August 2018 reports as presented was made by Burt MacKensie, seconded by Steve Israel. Motion passed unanimously to accept as presented and set to record.

Junior Warden Report:

-Oak tree has been removed from church yard. The tree was removed and stump ground to 6" below ground level. The other older stump in the church yard was removed as well.

- Kyle Gee cleaned the floors in the Parish Hall on time and did a very good job. Vestry was pleased.

- John is waiting for Sid Smyth to obtain lights before having Jack and Shannon install fans and rewire circuit for bell tower.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Memorial plaques - Steve has installed some and will install the remaining as soon as possible.
- Some of the church records have been moved to the storage shed shelves; others still need to be copied before moving. All need to be labeled correctly.

Church Calendar:

- Vestry will meet again October 14th.
- David Teschner has committed to one Sunday each month until further notice. Which Sunday is yet to be specified. Sally Ann is working to find other priests to assist, if possible. Margie advises we may not be able to afford a full time priest which makes finding a new permanent priest that much more difficult.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Motion made by Jim Duffy to approve Eileen Duffy as convention alternate for July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Mike seconded the motion and Vestry approved unanimously for Eileen to be the alternate for Nikki Amos, our lay delegate for this same period.
- Suggestion made and discussed to use Gini's service through streaming, if possible, to fill void when we do not have a priest. Some Vestry members do not feel this is a good idea (to use Gini's) as we need to accept fully that she no longer serves our congregation, but are willing to have Jim check with the Diocese regarding rules for this. He will also check with them about having a priest consecrate communion and then have lay readers administer to congregation when priest is absent.
- John mentioned that we may need internet and WiFi connection if we happen to get a new priest who wishes to work from the church. All agreed we would look at best option for this when the time comes.
- Calling for a part time priest is not very appealing to most priests which could make it difficult to find anyone to replace our former priest. St Luke's in Blackstone is losing its' priest at Easter in 2019 and will be searching. Members of Vestry discussed the option of pursuing the possibility of sharing a priest with St Luke's. Vestry requested Jim and Search Committee have a discussion with St Luke's regarding this. Time is of the essence.
- Jim Duffy, Mike Prather and John Stugart will be going off Vestry in January 2019. Members discussed the need to seek volunteer replacements to serve. Randy Mahaney, Randy Glenn and Stephen Amos were suggested. Those going off were asked to seek their own replacements and we agreed that we need at least 3 but having 5 or 6 for the ballot would be desirable.
- Stewardship Committee needs a chairman and kicks off in October. Jim will ask Stephen Amos if he would like to serve again. If not, he will seek others and let Vestry know at October meeting.
- Choir needs more room with new members joining soon. Steve suggested a temporary arrangement by removing the front rail near the choir section to allow that pew to be used until a permanent solution

is found. Vestry agreed.

- Audit for 2017 was provided for review. Mike Prather made motion to approve for signatures, seconded by Burt MacKensie. Motion passed unanimously. Report was signed by Jim Duffy and John Stugart, Senior and Junion Wardens, respectively.

- Jim reports the Claranova "Clara" was sold for \$1000. Those funds have been set aside until Vestry makes a decision for use of those proceeds.

The meeting was closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Puleo