

April 21, 2016

A meeting of the Vestry was held in Platts Hall beginning at 7:30 p.m. on April 18th. Present: Barbara Bateman (Senior Warden), Gene Goff, Jean Beers, Melanie Jackson, Kathy Lochocki, (Treasurer), Joanne Tatem, , Jon Yenney , Sarah Reid, Chris Kristofco, Jackie Dahlen, Reverend Mike Sowards.
Absent: Rick Toth, Dale Pennapacker .

The meeting was opened with a prayer offered by Father Mike.

MINUTES.

General topics:

Father Mike led a discussion of the Annual Meeting – in general there was positive feedback both of the format and the positive news.

The March 21st meeting minutes were reviewed. A minor change to mention Wawa card for Cheryl will be added. **Jean made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded and passed unanimously.**

The Annual Meeting minutes were also reviewed. A minor change to mention that Barbara and Dale were re-elected to a second three year term on the vestry. **Jean made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded and passed unanimously.**

Appointment of Rector's Warden. Barbara Bateman graciously consented to re-appointment as the Rector's Warden.

Vestry Assignments were reviewed by Father Mike: Joanne will now be on Parish Life, new Vestry member Jackie will be in Outreach, new Vestry member Chris will be in Finance, and Father Mike will handle Christian Education this year. Father Mike also appointed Barbara Bateman as liaison to Communications Committee

Barbara Bateman had a couple of changes to propose to the Vestry By-laws:

1. Article 3, section 1 to be changed to read: "first regular meeting following the Annual Meeting shall be a meeting for the purpose of organization". **Jean made a motion to approve the change. Seconded and passed unanimously.**
2. Article 3, section 4 to be changed to read: "at the Annual Meeting, following elections, the officers of the Vestry shall be nominated and acclaimed by the Parish.". **Joanne made a motion to approve the change. Seconded and passed unanimously.**

Father Mike expressed that he would like to have Scott Miley continue as the Parish Sexton. **Jean made a motion to have Scott continue in this roll, which was seconded and passed unanimously.**

Committee Reports:

Communications and Fund-raising:

Joanne provided an update:

- Responses to the Clipper ad – one family responded so far. The consensus seems to be that ads need to run for a while to be effective.
- Starting things up for Community Fun Day, including sending out letters to activate groups about the raffles/silent auction. It was noted that most cash generated from Fun Day comes from the silent auction. They are brainstorming ways to bring in bigger ticket items for the auction for more success.
- It was noted that few of the vendors made much last year. **Chris moved that we accept the Communications and Fund-raising report. Seconded and passed unanimously.**

Parish Life:

Melanie provided updates:

- There will be an ECW meeting tomorrow, and they will be voting on positions.
- The last Foyer Gathering was cancelled due to bad weather.
- There was a question regarding the pledge cards, and what happens with those who pledge their “talents”. Father Mike will as Chris Exley to provide a report on this.
- There was discussion about upcoming car wash. It will be rescheduled, and Not at the church next time, for better exposure and to raise money from the community.

A motion was made to accept the Parish Life report. Seconded and approved unanimously.

Outreach:

Kathy provided highlights of their report:

- The outreach house is working on implementing a Text program to use for scheduling visits.
- Scott Miley is cleaning weekly now, looking much nicer.
- Carol is looking to add a “lunch on the go” this summer to provide an extra meal for our clients.
- Dirks pest control found two squirrels in the attic at the outreach house. Not sure how they got in.
- The Scouts are putting out new mulch this weekend.
- Carol is putting out new cards with the correct email address.

A motion was made to accept the Outreach report. Seconded and approved unanimously.

Buildings and Grounds:

Gene and Jean provided updates:

- Jean continues to work on the Globes – working with an outfit in Boyertown. May need to search for other sources. Globes may date to the 1920’s and may have come from Europe.
- Jean mentioned a side issue of creating some St James tee-shirts through the ECW. This is fine, but the Vestry must approve the design. Useful to identify church members at various events.

Barbara made a motion to accept the Buildings and Grounds report. Seconded and passed unanimously.

Finance:

Dale was absent so no Finance report this meeting.

New Business:

There was a discussion of the evaluation of the Partners proposal for a Discovery phase as part of our visioning and funding process. Cheryl and Joanne came up with common questions and are in the process of talking to several referrals. Barbara is still working to get a sample deliverable, which has been taking some time. Father Mike asked that the Vestry take a decision by our May 16th meeting on whether to move forward with PSP on the discovery phase.

We discussed nominating a People's Warden. **Sarah made a motion to defer this decision until the May Vestry meeting to give proper time and consideration. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

There was a discussion of a Vestry Retreat this summer or fall. Mike suggested it would involve a Friday dinner and a Saturday workshop. Barbara and Father Mike will put out potential dates for the Vestry to choose from.

CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURN

There being no further business, the special meeting was closed with a prayer offered by Father Mike. Adjournment was at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Yenney, the
Secretary of the Vestry

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