

## Minutes of the Vestry

St Peter's Episcopal Church April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Attendance:** Fr. Furman, Fr. Dorian, Sr. Warden Kathleen Brady, Erin Ryan, Kirsten Hansen, Deb Yochum, Shannon Lawton, Larry Neal, Brad Kluttz, Tony Scalzitti, Suzann Adams, Sue Bunnell, Bob James, Treasurer Laura Foster.

Absent: Jr. Warden Jan Rhodes, Bob James, Madalyne Lawton, Clerk Shelley Hendershot

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm.

There were no changes suggested to the minutes from the previous meeting. With a motion from Larry Neal, and a second from Brad Kluttz, the minutes were approved as submitted. The changes have been made and recorded.

**Gospel Reflection:** Suzann Adams read the passage from John 10 from the NRSV. Brad Kluttz read from the Message. Group discussion followed.

**Information / Guest Reports:** There were no requests to speak to the Vestry this month.

### **Discussion:**

Fr. Furman went to the Endowment Committee meeting this month. The Committee is considering a permanent display – “St. Peter’s Endowment – Funding Future Ministry” or the like. Some of the ideas include a rotating display of the various ministries supported by the endowment, brochures, and recognition of members of the endowment / legacy society (or anonymous).

There are several leadership needs that have arisen – Stephen Ministry, Vestry members, etc. There was early talk about forming a Leadership Development / Recruiting Team through the Vestry. Tony Scalzitti is willing to help with the process of recruitment. Such a team should be Vestry-heavy but include other church members. Next step: Fr. Furman, Kathleen Brady and Tony Scalzitti will draft a process.

Game Changing Missional Initiative Grants are available from the Episcopal Church. Fr. Furman sent a link to the site. There are many possibilities that this grant might address – interfaith initiatives, poverty, mentorship, after-school programming, community gardening, mission church, community center, etc. Will keep this on the agenda as we think it through.

### **Decisions:**

Tony Scalzitti reported that there was some confusion about roof repairs that were voted on last month. The church roof repairs are actually complete and the roof should last 8-10 more years. A long term strategy should be to save \$100K for this purpose. The actual problem is that the pavilion roof failed early. The pavilion roof should cost approximately \$6,500. There was unanimous consent to change last month’s approval for repairs to the church roof to repairs for the Pavilion roof – not to exceed \$8,000.

Safety committee follow up has been put off while Gil Goodman recovers from surgery.

## **New Business**

There was no new business on the agenda or brought forth from Vestry members.

## **Stewardship Reports:**

Committee reports were provided to the Vestry prior to this meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Laura Foster reported that there has been a 44% increase in pledges over the last 4 years with a corresponding 43% growth in expenditures over the same time period. The full report was submitted to the Vestry prior to this meeting. Erin Ryan made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted, with a second by Suzann Adams. Motion passed. The process for the financial audit should be starting. Larry Neal will lead this.

Rector's report – Fr. Furman provided a written Rector's report with updated attendance numbers. Easter Vigil had excellent attendance and was a very powerful service. Memorials Committee is discerning whether to purchase a Stations of the Cross set to be used during Lent. Various other initiatives, successes, concerns discussed. Regarding signage – Larry reported that signs have been ordered. He and Bill Hawkins reviewed again the places they will go.

Fr. Dorian sent an email to parents whose children have been baptized in the last year asking if they want to have their own group. There is some interest. A first meeting will likely be scheduled in May with a plan for more regular meetings to commence in the fall.

There being no further business, the meeting was called to a close and ended with prayer at 7:40 p.m.

The next Vestry meeting will be May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathleen Brady*

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Shelley Hendershot, Clerk of the Vestry

