

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes April 9, 2018

**In Attendance:** Fr. Furman, Sandy Hemphill, Brad Kluttz, Mary Pauly, Deb Yochum, Larry Neal, Madison Powell, Wade Smith, Al Mina, Jim Parke, Tom Priddy, Emelyn Shabel, Laura Foster. Guest: Erin Ryan

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:30 pm by Fr. Furman.

Tom Priddy made a motion to accept the minutes from the March meeting, and Sandy Hemphill offered a 2<sup>nd</sup>. After a vote, the minutes were approved as submitted.

**Gospel Reflection:** Deb Yochum and Brad Kluttz read passages from Luke 24. Group discussion followed.

**Listening Sessions:** Erin Ryan attended to provide an update on the Listening Sessions. She forecasted collection of input from 147 attendees (including several meetings yet to occur), with 127 adult participants. Also, 1 person responded via e-mail and 1 person responded via phone call. Vestry members who had already participated in a session discussed that people were telling good/interesting stories about the church's history, and there was a productive and diverse set of perspectives based on membership tenure.

So far, Erin has compiled 26 pages of notes, with more to come.

**Phone System:** Den Yochum reported that the change in the phone system (from land line to VOIP) caused a malfunction in the alarm system, which was dependent on the former lines. Tyco (vendor) proposed the addition of a cellular communicator to solve the problem. This is a safer solution than running through a phone line, as the alarms will remain functional even in the case of electrical or other system failure.

Cost for the cellular communicator is \$615 install and \$69.08/month ongoing. The savings from the switch to VOIP will help offset this new expense.

Tom Priddy made a motion to invest in the cellular communicator, Wade Smith seconded. After a vote, the motion passed.

**Facilities Request:** Wade Smith represented the Facilities Committee in requesting new steel fire doors for the back of the church (next to the kitchen.) The doors need extensive repair (about \$800), and have limited life remaining. New doors from Advanced Door Systems will be \$1752. This will deplete the repairs budget for the year.

Larry Neal made a motion to purchase the new doors, Al Mina seconded. After a vote, the motion passed.

**Vestry Service Project:** After discussion of various dates and projects, the group decided to check options for the Fall. Deb Yochum will follow up.

**Bonuses:** The Vestry discussed the period of staff transition in 2017 – after Dorian left, before Marie and Laura were in place. For several months, Furman continued the work of the church without full staff, which required bearing a notably increased workload. The same was true for Danielle, who bore extra responsibility to help Furman through this time. In addition, Furman was able to remain confident in the typical excellent contributions of the other members of the team, who allowed him to stay focused on his incremental responsibilities. All of this being considered, the Vestry voted to award bonuses to all members of the staff who were in place the full year 2017. (Furman, Danielle, Julia, Craig, Jan, Cathy)

**Information/Reports:**

Parish Picnic, Golf Outing, Blood Drive, Homeworks - coming up.

Need strategy for coffee hour host sign-up. Fr. Furman, Brad, Mary and Emelyn to huddle before next meeting.

New lights installed in the Nave.

**Treasurer's Report:** Laura gave the financial report.

Income: Total revenues year-to-date through March 31 are \$177,704 (\$33,988 over budget).

Expenses: Total expenses year-to-date through March 31 are \$140,435 (\$5,581 under budget).

Brad Kluttz made a motion, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Sandy Hemphill and after a vote; the report was adopted into the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Emelyn Shabel (substitute for Shelley Hendershot, Clerk of the Vestry)