

**ST. GABRIEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**VESTRY MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 6, 2017**

Steve Fairbrother - Senior Warden  
Mark Hessler - Junior Warden  
Eric Miller - Treasurer  
Danielle Troncelliti - Clerk of the Vestry

Mark Hessler, Jo Rivera, Danielle Troncelliti - 2018  
Carol Heist, Ed McCorkle, Terry Stockton - 2019  
Stephen Fairbrother, Carly Greenwald, Suzanne Siebert - 2020

Present: Green, Greenwald, Stockton, Heist, Rivera, Fairbrother, Troncelliti, Hessler, McCorkle, Siebert

Absent: Miller

Non-voting Staff: S. Heist, Bosler

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM by Fr. David, rector. The reading of the Gospel & and a meditation followed.

**New Vestry Member** - After a motion by Danielle Troncelliti, seconded by Steve Fairbrother, which was approved, Carol Heist was welcomed to Vestry to complete the remainder of Renee Pusey's term.

**Minutes** After a motion by Jo Rivera, seconded by Carol Heist, the minutes of the November meeting were approved with minor grammatical corrections.

**Gifts/Godfinds & Notebook Items** were shared.

**Budget and Treasurer's Report** - Eric e-mailed his reports as he was out of town. Fr. David added that the Learning Center just today donated an additional \$5,000 toward the mortgage!

Budget - Eric's proposed budget was reviewed and after asking staff to leave the room, the Vestry discussed raises for some of the staff, with Mark Hessler moving and Ed McCorkle seconding the proposed raises and approval of the amended budget. The motion was carried unanimously. Ed McCorkle then moved and Carol Heist seconded a thank you to Eric for his hard work.

**Ministry Reports:**

**Children's Ministry** - Carol Heist said it's going well, and the children are enjoying the visits with the Villa Personal Care residents. The number of children attending has been decreasing over recent years. Carly Greenwald said she thinks the program changes

they made this year have made a positive difference, though, and the kids are more engaged.

**Service attendance** - Fr. David said he did a review of total "Sunday" attendance numbers over the past 5 years. Our numbers dipped and then increased, but this happened as a result of providing more worship services as opposed to more people attending the fewer services.

It was suggested we should try to get the various service attendees together from time to time through some sort of activity. Challenges to that were also discussed.

**Taking it "out of the castle"** - Fr. David reported he and Carly met to discuss ideas and suggested holding some kind of a workshop to try to figure out what we're supposed to do to take our faith and story out to the world. Fr. David also said Claire Young, formerly of RBCC, said she can serve as a consultant to us from time to time. Saturday January 13<sup>th</sup> was discussed with January 20<sup>th</sup> as a snow date. 9 - 1 with an Agape feast and eucharist at the end, for Vestry and anyone else who would like to come. There will be a brief intro as to what it's about and then get into brainstorming ideas. Will begin to advertise to congregation.

**Property** - Mark reported there was a plumbing leak in the rectory which was repaired but the downstairs carpet is damaged beyond repair and will need to be replaced. Chapel floor is being repaired and foundation is being repointed. Other things are in the works, including the Adams Hall sound system and painting the rectory basement. The "300<sup>th</sup> Property Committee" is planning ahead.

Meditation in January - Stockton  
Snack in January - Hessler

Holy Eucharist was then celebrated and after a motion by Jo Rivera and seconded by Carol Heist, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Attested by:

Sally Heist, Recording Secretary

Danielle Troncelliti, Clerk of the Vestry