

ST. GABRIEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY MEETING MINUTES
January 10, 2018

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: Fairbrother, Green, Greenwald, Rivera, Siebert, Stockton, Troncelliti,

Absent: C.Heist, Hessler, McCorkle, Miller,

Non-voting Staff: S. Heist, Bosler

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM by Fr. David, rector. The reading of the Gospel & and a meditation followed. Suzanne Siebert suggested reading a book, "Barking to the Choir" by Gregory Boyle, for discussion at Vestry meeting. It was decided Sally will order copies for reading/discussion during Lent. (Anyone who feels moved to reimburse the church for the cost are invited to do so.)

Minutes - After a motion by Jo Rivera, seconded by Terry Stockton, the minutes of the December meeting were approved with minor grammatical corrections.

Gifts/Godfinds & Notebook Items were shared.

New Vestry Members - Sr. Warden Steve Fairbrother reported both Danielle & Jo have agreed to remain on Vestry for a second term if elected, as is now permitted by the recently adopted Diocesan-wide By-laws. Waiting to hear back from Mark, who was not present and had not yet replied.

Convention Delegates - Fr. David reminded everyone the delegates will need to be able to attend the Bishop's Candidates "Walkabout" the week of April 15-20, the special voting day on Saturday April 28, and the annual Diocesan Convention on Oct. 5-6. Steve Fairbrother agreed to serve. Other possibilities Danielle, Jo, Ed?, Mark? Must know by Annual meeting. Upcoming election of Bishop and the process was discussed.

Ministry Reports -

Brainstorming Session was scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 20 due to an ordination to the Diaconate on the 13th which our clergy are to attend if possible. Will be held 9 AM - 1 PM, and begin with information about the state of the church and world today, continue with discussion to come up with two or three ideas, and end with Agape feast (lunch) and Eucharist. It was advertised in the Messenger and bulletins to anyone interested.

Property - Chapel Work - interior floor and exterior foundation stone mortar work was completed. The Committee will now be looking at heat pumps and inside painting.

Church Bell - was not working..couldn't be rung with pull rope or tolling rope. It may have become "frozen" due to the extreme cold. It started working again, but will need to have someone from a professional bell company look at it, and tell us how to maintain it.

Rectory - Fr. David said the carpet is going to be replaced next week. An anonymous donor paid the cost in full. New furnace and conversion to gas still in the works.

Budget and Treasurer's Report - Note: The annual Endowment and Krause Trust Distributions were voted on and approved by e-mail last week due to postponement of the Vestry meeting (because of illness) and the need for funds to be received in a timely manner to help our operating fund. An e-mail with the voting is attached to the Distribution requests and included in the Minute Book.f

Eric e-mailed his reports as he was out of town, including an amended budget with a deficit bottom line, other than discussed by Vestry in December. Steve Fairbrother moved to approve "with the new space for God to step in". Danielle seconded, and the motion was carried.

Clergy Expense Reimbursement & Housing Resolutions - (distributed at meeting...attached in minute book) Steve Fairbrother moved to approve the resolutions, and Terry Stockton seconded. The resolutions were then approved.

Other Business - Fr. David reported the Part-time Rector at St. Thomas Morgantown, Meghan Demby, has just begun a part-time ministry as head of Diocesan Communications. She asked Fr. David if he could help find some participants from our congregation to share a paragraph (200 characters or less) about "Why I M an Episcopalian" to publish on the Diocesan Twitter account, and send them to her at priest@stthomasepiscopal.org. She also wants pictures of the church or things around the church to use with the tweet. (Sally Heist will provide these) Carly, who has experience with Twitter in her profession, will give her a call to find out the goal. Other vestry members will write a paragraph to send her.

Those present were reminded of the Annual Report written submission deadline (Monday, January 15).

Meditation in February - Carly will provide.

Holy Eucharist was then celebrated.

It was also decided to stop having official "snack" at vestry meetings, due to most people eating right before the meeting, which for the last several years has begun earlier in the evening. People may bring their own snacks if interested.

After a motion by Troncelliti, seconded by Rivera, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Attested by:

Sally Heist, Recording Secretary

Danielle Troncelliti, Clerk of the Vestry