

ST. GABRIEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY MEETING MINUTES
May 2, 2018

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

Carol Heist, Ed McCorkle, Terry Stockton - 2019
Stephen Fairbrother, Carly Greenwald, Suzanne Siebert - 2020
Mark Hessler, Jo Rivera, Danielle Troncelliti - 2021

Present: Fairbrother, Green, Siebert, Troncelliti, C. Heist, Miller, McCorkle, Hessler, Stockton

Absent: Greenwald, Rivera,

Non-voting Staff: S. Heist, Bosler, McClellan

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM by Fr. David Green, rector. The meeting opened with a prayer and discussion of the intro and Chapter 1 of the book "Barking to the Choir".

After a motion by Carol Heist, seconded by Steve Fairbrother, the minutes of the April meeting were approved as submitted.

Gifts/Notebook items were shared. The Learning Center is facing some challenges right now and needs prayers.

Ministry Reports - Laundry Love - Russ reported the first meeting was held - The committee plans to launch it at the laundromat in Birdsboro, where they already know a number of people through the Community Table & Food Pantry. The group will be taking a field trip to Coatesville to observe the one there. Their next meeting is Tuesday 15th.

9:15 service - Fr. David said attendance averages 15-20 people. It didn't attract new people from the Learning Center (or from outside the congregation) as had hoped, but it is meeting a need. The service will be on hiatus for summer and Fr. David will consult others and re-evaluate to decide if it will return in the fall.

Coffee Hour - Danielle said there were no volunteers for April. The schedule is covered through June (when it will be "Iced Tea/Lemonade" hour.)

Fr. David said parishioner Jean Luce celebrated her 99th birthday yesterday! After a lunch, Dianne Walker took her to visit Terry Stockton's mother Leigh, who's now homebound.

300th Anniversary celebration - The official celebration service will be on May 31st, 2020 (Pentecost Sunday). Our Bishop will be present. Charles Glandorf asked David if we'd like his son Matthew (an organist/choir director and composer who lives and works in Philadelphia) to compose a hymn for us. Matthew will compose the music at charge (with just a charge for the lyricist).

Gardens - St. Mark's Lutheran & St. Paul's UCC in Birdsboro are sharing planting and caring for the gardens which are being built at St. Mark's. Dan Klein will be growing tomatoes in our raised beds this year. All vegetables grown will be donated to the Community Pantry.

Basement Door - it is rusting, as well as the frame and hinges which are built into the stone block. Sally Heist said Bill Strickland felt it couldn't be fixed "in-house" and he contacted Mark Elliott (a contractor and member of the Anniversary Property Committee. The proposal is nearly \$2,000 for parts and labor to replace the door and frame, and Bill thinks this is a fair price. Anna Miller had let us know cost can be paid from Bingo proceeds. Steve Fairbrother then moved and Terry Stockton seconded to accept the proposal from Mark Elliott/Whitegate, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Church Chairs - Fr. David reported the church in Philadelphia who offered the chairs to us is prepping (cleaning up) the first 30. Charles Glandorf has access to a panel truck that can pick them up. It was suggested to ask the congregation if anyone wants to purchase pews for a suggested donation of \$125.00. Eric asked that anything we receive for pews go toward the Mortgage Campaign.

Water in Adams Hall - Eric reported Anna spoke to someone from a waterproofing company and has set up a meeting with them for Monday 21st at 6 PM for anyone from the property committee who can make it.

Reminder - Vestry retreat - Sept. 7-9 at Mariawald.

Budget and Treasurer's Report - Eric reviewed his report. Mortgage Campaign - received 32 pledges totaling \$144,000 , which is about \$100,000 short from goal. We will receive contributions from people who don't pledge, but we will still likely fall \$70-\$80,000 short over the next three years. Eric's thinking of creating an online "Go Fund Me" campaign to help raise funds. Fr. David's hoping the Diocese under the new Bishop will be more willing to assist parishes that are thriving and doing well instead of pouring \$\$ into keeping open those that are dying.

Other Business -

Bishop's Election - Fr. David reported that last weekend The Rev. Canon Kevin Nichols was elected as the next Bishop of the Diocese of Bethlehem on the first ballot.

Side note - Secretary Barb Hannevig will be on vacation May 8 - 25. Sally Heist will be performing her duties (mainly preparing the weekend worship bulletins) while she's away.

Vestry Book Study for June meeting - Discussion of Chapter 2 & 3 of "Barking to the Choir" by Gregory Boyle.

Holy Eucharist was then celebrated.

After a motion by Steve Fairbrother, seconded by Terry Stockton, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Attested by:

Sally Heist, Recording Secretary

Danielle Troncelliti, Clerk of the Vestry