

ST. GABRIEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY MEETING MINUTES
Sept. 5, 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: Green, Fairbrother, Troncelliti, C. Heist, Greenwald, Hessler, McCorkle

Absent: Miller, Stockton, Siebert

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

Guest: Ann Burgy

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM by Fr. David Green, Rector. The meeting opened with prayer and discussion of the intro and Chapter 6 & 7 of the book "Barking to the Choir".

The Peace was exchanged.

Ann Burgy then joined the meeting to discuss her discernment regarding a call to the priesthood, particularly chaplaincy. Fr. David said he's been meeting with Ann for the past year, and is at the point where the Vestry needs to write a letter to the Bishop to begin the process. Ann then shared her story, and the Vestry had an opportunity to ask questions. The Vestry then unanimously approved a motion by Ed McCorkle, seconded by Carol Heist, to endorse Ann's application to the diocese for the ordination to the priesthood, and to support and assist her however we can to help her in a more expedient and less cumbersome process than it's been in the past because the future of our clergy and church depends on it!

After a motion by Jo Rivera seconded by Carol Heist the minutes of the July meeting were approved as submitted. (There was no meeting in August.)

Gifts/Notebook items were shared. Steve recognized Bill & Christopher Heist for installing an extension hose onto the downspouts to drain rainwater away from the church and Adams Hall (into the storm drain in the parking lot).

Church Chairs - People are getting more used to them. (The first several pews were removed and replaced with chairs as of this date.)

Ministry Reports - Sunday School - New Sunday School classroom (in former Rite 13 classroom) almost ready for Children's class.

Living Compass - Jo Rivera reported another 6-week class will be offered this fall between Sunday services. Dates to be determined.

Conference in Seattle - Russ McClellan said the conference he & Fr. David attended was wonderful!

Laundry Love - Russ said the new outreach ministry will begin on Tuesday, October 16th at a laundromat on High Street in Pottstown, across the street from First United Methodist Church. (Probably from 5 -8 PM.)

Coffee Hour - Danielle Troncelliti reported it has not been as well attended. Discussed possibly moving it to between services, but it was decided to keep it as is (following the late service) and try to drum up more attendance.

Property Committee - Mark Hessler shared that the Sycamore Tree in the cemetery will be trimmed. Painting & Repair in one of the rectory bathroom's. Elevator broke and was repaired. Water infiltration issues in heavy rains several times in middle stairwell and front closet, which were temporarily repaired by 100 foot drainage pipe extension.

Organ parts - Vestry agreed the remaining organ pipes and console need to be removed from the building by year end.

Treasurer's Report - Eric submitted his report by e-mail. Sally Heist confirmed we're in the typical summer slump in giving, so we can't pay all the bills as they're due. Praying it picks up with the regular schedule beginning again.

Supply Clergy - The question was raised as to whether Deacon Sally is paid when she serves as "supply" and does a Deacon's Mass. She has not been, but Deacon Sally did say that the Canons of the Diocese do state Deacon's are to be paid for that. Carol Heist then moved to pay her and Jo Rivera seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved. Due to lack of supply priests it's becoming a necessity for Deacons to preside over services. Sally B. stated she'll be fine with just being paid when she's doing the services for a weekend, not for when she does Villa services, etc.

Other Business - Fr. David said the upcoming Vestry/Leaders retreat at Mariawald will focus on adaptive ministry. A letter with info was distributed.

Book Study in October - Discussion of the remainder of "Barking to the Choir" by Gregory Boyle.

Holy Eucharist was then celebrated.

After a motion by Mark Hessler, seconded by Danielle Troncelliti, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Attested by,

Sally Heist, Recording Secretary

Danielle Troncelliti, Clerk of the Vestry