

ST. GABRIEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

April 4, 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, Greenwald, Rivera, Siebert, Troncelliti, C. Heist, Miller, McCorkle, Hessler

Absent: Stockton

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Fr. David Green, rector. Because the February and March meetings were cancelled (due to illness & weather), instead of the book discussion, Carly Greenwald led a meditation. Scripture reading, sharing, and the exchange of the Peace followed.

Minutes - After a motion by Danielle Troncelliti, seconded by Steve Fairbrother, the minutes of the January 10 regular meeting and January 28 special meeting were approved as submitted.

Gifts/Godfinds were shared.

Ministry Reports

Bus - Fr. David said we had been offered a decent used school bus for \$100 from the Hill School and we were planning on accepting the offer, but the School ended up deciding to keep it.

Laundry Love - Russ said the planning meeting will be held at St. Gabriel's at 7 PM on April 23. The goal is to get it up and running in early summer. As a fellowship outreach, we'd pay the cost for everyone who comes in to do their laundry from 6-9 PM on whatever the laundry owner says is the slowest night, and serve pizza and Eucharist. The entire purpose is relationship! Location is to be determined.

Other Venture - Russ & David have been meeting with a man who wants to set up a fund which could have far and wide benefits and hope to people in need.

Lucky Finds Consignment Shop - will give back to St. Gabriel's 50% of the proceeds from sold items brought in by St. Gabriel's parishioners.

Property - Fr. David reported the rectory oil furnace malfunctioned again (black smoke and carbon monoxide!) and could not be repaired and therefore had to be immediately replaced, so there was no time to seek bids for replacement. Fortunately UGI did run the gas line to the house a few months ago. Gehringer installed a new gas furnace and separate gas hot water heater. The total cost was covered by a donor.

Church Chairs - Fr. David provided an update on replacing pews with chairs. The sample we had received from a company last August was expensive and not very comfortable. Russ had then found chairs another church was giving away, but it was too late...they were given to someone else. Recently, Fr. David & Russ found out about chairs available at an Episcopal cathedral in Philadelphia. They went to see them and the priest said he can sell them to us for \$25 each. They brought back a sample and they're very comfortable. There are no book holders but kneelers are available.

Sally Heist mentioned our pews are not in good shape, with many of the seats cracking and additional sheets of wood placed under the cushions. She heard of a local church which underwent renovation recently and ended up having to get rid of their old pews due to deterioration, too. The Vestry then went into the church for a discussion, and upon returning to the meeting room Carly Greenwald made a motion to purchase 150 chairs and to only replace 3 rows of pews at a time, storing the other chairs. Danielle Troncelliti seconded the motion. We will likely have to rent a storage unit. Could seek sponsors to cover the cost of chairs + add some \$\$ for storage. Options for payment were discussed, and Eric said there's a little over \$2,000 in memorial fund which could help the cost. A donor then offered to pay for all of the chairs. The only request is that they can have one of the good pews when they're removed. The offer was gratefully accepted and the motion was unanimously approved.

Vegetable Gardens - several churches in the ministerium will be meeting to discuss how to help take care of our respective food gardens. KenCrest just couldn't keep up with them.

Budget and Treasurer's Report - Eric reviewed his report.

Other Business - Parochial Report - Fr. David distributed copies of the completed 2017 report. Carol Heist moved and Steve Fairbrother seconded approving the report, which was filed online. The motion approved.

Book Study in May - Will discuss Chapter 1 of "Barking to the Choir" by Gregory Boyle.

Holy Eucharist was then celebrated.

After a motion by Carol Heist, seconded by Steve Fairbrother, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Attested by:

Sally Heist, Recording Secretary

Danielle Troncelliti, Clerk of the Vestry