

**ST. GABRIEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**VESTRY MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 3, 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, Stockton, Rivera

Absent: Miller, Siebert

Non-voting Staff: McClellan, S. Heist

Guest: Bill Strickland

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM by Fr. David Green, rector. The meeting opened with a prayer and discussion of the remainder of the book "Barking to the Choir".

The Peace was exchanged.

Minutes - Correction: Jo Rivera was present at the September meeting. After a motion by Carol Heist seconded by Ed McCorkle, the minutes of the September meeting were approved as submitted. (*Note: There was no meeting in August.*)

**Gifts/Notebook** items were shared.

**Ministry Reports** - A "Chapel Crew" of volunteers will be cleaning the Chapel next weekend. There has been some mold growth again with the wet summer we've had. Spotted Lanternflies have been prolific and are currently infesting the top of Bell Tower each day. (But die off in the evening.)

**Rectory Bathroom** - Bill Strickland stated he contacted several contractors from the area about the rectory main bathroom. The project includes tearing out bad tile, mold remediation, installing a cultured marble tub surround and refinishing the steel tub, replacing the towel rack and TP holder, and repainting the bathroom. (The Toilet and sink were replaced recently.) Bill recommends accepting the bid from Mark Elliott's company, Whitegate Contracting, to do the work. The estimate is expected to come out less than the approx. \$8,000 because Mark will donate his labor cost. Bill said the Property Committee is on board to do this. Fr. David reported he received an e-mail from a patron who will be donating \$6,000 toward the project. Ed McCorkle then moved to accept the property committee's recommendation to accept the proposal. After a second by Jo Rivera, the motion was unanimously approved.

Bill is also receiving quotes from companies to install a ductless heat pump system, with two outside units and 4 inside, in the 1801 Chapel. The current quote from Bonfitto is for \$35,000 but should be less than that due to less inside units than what was quoted. Steve Fairbrother moved to allocate \$35,000 from the Chapel Fund for the project, contingent on the Property Committee approving and accepting the bid. Ed McCorkle seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

**Sunday School** - Carly reported the Children's classes will be visiting the Villa once a month, including celebrating Christmas there on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Phoebe will be accompanying to help lead singing. Carol reported we will start providing children's lectionary inserts each week. Having a shorter Sunday School class time and the children in church for worship services seems to be working fine.

**Laundry Love** - Russ said the ministry will begin at a laundromat on High Street in Pottstown, across the street from First United Methodist Church on Tuesday, October 16, 5 -8 PM. The initial planning meeting will be held at St. Gabriel's on October 8 at 7 PM.

**Mission Developer** - Russ said he just returned from the Episcopal Recovery Ministry conference, his third one, and it's always wonderful. He recommended a YouTube video called "Nuggets", which is a very simple way to explain addiction.

Russ will be attending an exploration retreat at the Stevenson School for Ministry, which is a formation school run by the Diocese of Central PA to train people for Episcopal Ministry. The Dean of the School is Robin Szoke who used to serve our Diocese years ago.

**Worship Committee** - Fr. David said the committee met and one of the things discussed was moving the announcements to the end of the 10:30 service, after the closing hymn, before the dismissal. If people need to leave they can. This will begin in Advent. Also, Stewardship messages will be shared in October and November, leading up to Gratitude Sunday on November 18th.

Carol stated three new crucifers, all adults, were trained by one of our youth, Jessica Miller.

Ann Burgy would like to go to a Chaplaincy Training Event. She needs official approval stating we support her. Ed moved to officially support her attendance at this event, which is important to her seeking ordination as she sees her call. Carol Heist seconded and the motion was approved. (Fr. David needs to let Ann Kitch at Diocese know.)

**Property Committee** - Fr. David reported that Sexton Rob Chafin resigned because the demands of the job were more than expected. Amy Reed, the Assistant Director of the Learning Center, will clean for the time being and her 17 year old daughter Kendra will volunteer and help (for which she'll earn some allowance from Amy.) Amy, Fr. David, Admin. Sally, and the Vestry can decide going forward whether this will continue.

**Organ parts** - Fr. David said he sent letter to Charles and has not received a response.

**Treasurer's Report** - Eric submitted his report by e-mail. Money is still not coming in to pay all the bills.

Holy Eucharist was then celebrated.

After a motion by Jo Rivera, seconded by Terry Stockton, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

(The Vestry will begin reading "The Dream of God", and will discuss the first 2 Chapters at November's meeting.)

Respectfully submitted,

Attested by:

Sally Heist, Recording Secretary

Danielle Troncelliti, Clerk of the Vestry