

# ST. GABRIEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

February 4, 2015

Steve Fairbrother - Senior Warden

Warren McKeon - Junior Warden

Eric Miller - Treasurer

Dianne Walker - Clerk of the Vestry

Lisa Maynard, Renee Pusey, Ellen (Strange) Moore- 2016

Carol Heist, Warren McKeon, Dianne Walker - 2017

Mark Hessler, Jo Rivera, Danielle Troncelliti - 2018

Youth representative – OPEN

Present: Green, Fairbrother, Maynard, McKeon, C. Heist, Walker, Pusey, Miller, Hessler, Rivera, Troncelliti

Non-voting Staff: Bosler, S. Heist

Absent:

Fr. David welcomed the new vestry members: Mark Hessler, Jo Rivera and Danielle Troncelliti, then opened the meeting at 6:40 PM. Prayer, the Gospel, discussion and the exchange of The Peace followed.

**Minutes** - After Dianne Walker moved and Carol Heist seconded, the minutes of the February regular meeting and special meeting were approved as submitted.

**Gifts and Needs** - A surge suppression outlet will be installed for new sound system. Also may be done for organ. Mary Brower will be 100 on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Vestry 101** - Fr. David handed out a sheet outlining the leadership and management responsibilities of the vestry. A Diocesan Training Day will be held March 14 in Wilkes-Barre. He urged anyone who can to go.

**Website** - Steve said Jim Atkins has now stepped in to help develop the website and Jim asked for the Vestry's input and ideas for improvement. Due to an upgrade, the current site can't be changed so the options are to scuttle the upgrade or launch it and rebuild. Sally Heist & Steve recommended we go forward and launch the upgrade. Steve will talk to him and assist.

**Church & Scout Outreach in Community** - Cindy McGee spoke of her willingness to organize projects for both the Scouts and St. Gabriel's congregation to work on together in the Douglassville community. She did this for the Cub Pack in Birdsboro. All agreed it's a great idea!

**Planning Day** - February 21<sup>st</sup>. 8:30 - 3:30. Warren reported Cissy McKeon volunteered to prepare & serve food for the day. (Breakfast & lunch).

**Bishop's Visit** - Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM for Regional Confirmation. People will be Confirmed, Received and Reaffirmed. We will need to organize a reception following the service.

**Treasurer's Report** - Eric distributed the finalized 2015 Budget.

Capital Campaign - We are currently wrapping up the 2012 Campaign. Eric and Warren are meeting this weekend to begin working on a new one, to take place probably beginning mid to late March. They will re-name it "Mortgage Campaign" to give a clear picture of exactly how the money is used/why pledges are needed. They plan to give examples of how much of a pledge is needed to commit to making one month's mortgage payment over the 3 years. We would only take 36 commitments of this amount to meet our obligation!

Endowment Fund - Eric said the Finance Ministry recommends a 4% distribution this year, based on the December 31<sup>st</sup> Fund balance. (Since the account is new we don't have 3 years to use as an average). The distribution will go into the General Budget, to help support different ministries as outlined in the Fund. Warren McKeon moved to accept the proposal for 4%, and Carol Heist seconded. Discussion followed, after which the motion was approved.

Snack - Dianne Walker will provide for March.

**Other Business** - Deacon Sally said she will be spending some time in Harrisburg over the next months to assist her daughter & family as her daughter battles breast cancer.

Eucharist followed.

There being no further business, Ellen Moore moved and Dianne Walker seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally E. Heist,  
Recording Secretary