

ST. GABRIEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

July 11, 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: Greenwald, Green, Rivera, McCorkle, Fairbrother, Troncelliti, M. Hessler, C. Heist, Stockton

Absent: Siebert

Non-voting: Bosler, E. Miller

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by Fr. David Green, rector. The meeting opened with a prayer and discussion of Chapter 4 and 5 of the book “Barking to the Choir.”

Peace was exchanged

Approving minutes – After a motion by Steve Fairbrother and seconded by Jo Rivera, the minutes of the June meeting were approved and submitted.

Gift/Notebook items were shared –

Sanctuary Chairs – 50 chairs will be picked up this month. Joe and Russ will be able to take a Saturday morning to go to St. Stephen's in Philadelphia to pick up the 50 chairs that they have ready for us. We would need **two other volunteers** from the parish to help. The earliest date that we could go would be Saturday, July 28th. Renting a truck at Amity Self Storage just west of us on 422 would cost \$39.95 plus 99 cents per mile. We would have to confirm that they have a suitable size truck for that day. I'm thinking 17' or 20' would be large enough.

Laundry Love – Russ will be meeting next week with Pat Goshert, the pastor of First United Methodist Church in Pottstown to discuss forming a Laundry Love team with St. Gabriel's that would serve at one of two laundromats near that church on High Street. I also plan to talk with Father Joshua, the new priest at Christ Church Pottstown, to see how they may want to be involved as well. I think Father David and I are planning lunch with him.

Mission Developer Conference Father David and Russ will be attending the Mission Developer Conference in Seattle August 21-25. This conference is offered at no cost to us by the ELCA, because of our partnership in Common Ground Recovery Community with Atonement Lutheran Church, the Northeastern PA Synod of the ELCA and the ELCA itself. *Wouldn't it be great if our own Diocese would step up and help us with new and adaptive ways to be Church! Maybe Bishop-elect Kevin will have ears to hear such things and courage to help!*

Building Modification – The thought was put out to install a shower in the Church. There are several areas that were discussed as well as putting in a washer and dryer (this is could also be used by the daycare). Would need to have someone at the Church at night if there were people. Mark, Russ, Father David will look into the cost/legal/permitting.

Vacation Bible School – is being held this weekend from 10-4 on Saturday and Sunday.

Building and Properties – There is a comprehensive property list (separate attachment) of the items that need to be addressed, also noted are priority, status and notes on each task. The next meeting will be in September.

Treasure's Report – Eric was at the meeting. We reviewed the reports and noted that there were contributions for the chairs were made. Had to move money for June's payment of the mortgage. The contributions made in June should get us through September.

Funding Ministry – we are trying the best to do God's will. We are faced with a mortgage of \$840,000. We have historic and non-historic buildings to keep up. We currently have some money for the Chapel. The bat problem has been taken care of. We are trying a GoFundMe page. Think about contacting the families of those who are in the graveyard. How can we become a pillar of our community? Additional lots – what can we do with them?

Vestry Book Study for September meeting – Discussion of Chapters 6 & 7 of "Barking to the Choir" by Gregory Boyle.

Next meeting will by September 5th.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Troncelliti, Clerk of the Vestry