

ST. GABRIEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

June 6, 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

Absent: C. Heist, M. Hessler, Siebert, Stockton, Miller

Non-voting: Bosler, McClellan

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM by Fr. David Green, rector. The meeting opened with a prayer and discussion of Chapter 2 and 3 of the book “Barking to the Choir.”

Approving minutes – there is a typo in the section where it talks about 9:15 service – should be congregation not concretion. After a motion by Steve Fairbrother and seconded by Ed McCorkle, the minutes of the May meeting were approved and submitted.

Gift/Notebook items were shared – The fences in the graveyard have been repaired/fixed and look nice. Started recording the sermons and they can be found on our website or if you go on YouTube and type St. Gabriel's Douglassville PA.

Sanctuary Chairs – 50 chairs will be ready June 15th. Charles is trying to get a van by the end of the month. We will need a few people to go down ahead of the van and get the chairs outside to be loaded on the truck. We need to get pews out and fix the trim on the floor. Need to discuss with Mark Hessler to arrange everything.

Children's Ministry – Carly discussed the two youngest classes that we have for Sunday school and if we could combine the two classes. This will help with teachers and volunteers. This past year the enrollment was low and there were numerous times that the classes were combined anyway. Carly would also like to make what was the Rite 13 room the learning space for this combined class. Currently, they use 2 rooms downstairs and have a small space to keep their supplies. She would also like to make sure that during the week the room can be used by others. There are some groups the currently meet in this room. There would need to be some changes as well to the room for tables/chairs and removing some old items. A motion was made by Ed McCorkle to combine the classes and use the Rite 13 room and was seconded by Steve Fairbrother, the motion was unanimously approved.

300th Anniversary – The question was raised if we should do stuff throughout the year or if we just do on celebration on May 31, 2020. There were numerous ideas thrown out to think about – but it was also said that we don't want to do too much and not be able to enjoy. Carly will be heading – Acts of Family. We will discuss the “family” we have and have had over the past 300 years. Do a special service on Memorial Day or Veteran's Day – color guard? Talked about having a historian in the Chapel, Cemetery Tour, Art/Architecture/Stained

Glass, Music. Father David reminded us that there will be a Hymn written for the church. Make sure we keep track of Thank you's. Having pictures done. In a prior celebration there were local artists that made paintings of the chapel – maybe we could do something with these? A list of all the Rector's since the church inception. A matrix of how connected to the community. Most people thought we should have a few events throughout the year.

Gardens – St. Mark's Lutheran and St. Paul's UCC are doing good. Dan Klein is doing the garden at St. Gabriel's and it is going very well. The vegetables will be going to the community pantry in Birdsboro and Douglassville.

Laundry Love – Russ will be sending an email about going to visit the location in Coatesville and how they operate. He will be going on Monday, May 11 (they start at 6:30). Russ said that they changed the way they do it and there are 7 churches get together pray and then go to 7 different laundromats. Russ also stated that he has 2 churches that have contacted him about being involved with St. Gabe's. The churches are in Pottstown and Glenside.

Building and Properties – Father David stated that they are making progress and they will be having a meeting next week. The next big project coming up in Adam's Hall for moisture remediation.

Treasurer's Report – Eric was not at the meeting but had sent reports prior. We reviewed the reports and noted that Eric mentioned there were no additional Mortgage Campaign pledges this past month. He will need to pull funds from other areas to pay June mortgage payment.

Vestry Book Study for July meeting – Discussion of Chapters 4 & 5 of "Barking to the Choir" by Gregory Boyle.

Next meeting will by July 11th - this will be a combined meeting for July and August.

After a motion by Ed McCorkle, seconded by Jo Rivera, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Troncelliti, Clerk of the Vestry