

ST. GABRIEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

November 1, 2017

Steve Fairbrother - Senior Warden
Mark Hessler - Junior Warden
Eric Miller - Treasurer
Danielle Troncelliti - Clerk of the Vestry

Mark Hessler, Jo Rivera, Danielle Troncelliti - 2018
Renee Pusey, Ed McCorkle, Terry Stockton - 2019
Stephen Fairbrother, Carly Greenwald, Suzanne Siebert - 2020

Present: Green, Greenwald, Stockton, Pusey, Rivera, Fairbrother, Troncelliti, Hessler, Miller,

Absent: McCorkle

Non-voting Staff: S. Heist, Bosler

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM by Fr. David, rector, following a quiet All Saints Eucharist in the Chapel

Minutes After a motion by Greenwald, seconded by Rivera, the minutes of the October meeting were approved as submitted.

Gifts/Godfinds & Notebook Items were shared.

How to Reach New People - continued the discussion as to whether to pay for a year of consulting. Various opinions were expressed...general consensus was we are already doing some of what was suggested, but we can do more. We need to be accountable, but we can be accountable to each other instead of to an outside consultant. Discussed the need to plan activities outside the parish (walk on Monocacy Hill, Prayer Walks, Free Community Swimming Party, etc.) to be visible and open to friends and members of the community through person to person invitation. Fr. David will ask the congregation to share ideas, too, as a way to get them to "buy in". We must consult Russ and come up with an idea so we can advertise an event at the November 28th Community Meal. Carly volunteered to help make sure the first event happens. Carly said the Sunday School kids will be going to the Villa again, this time for Kindness Rock painting. Could do a Rock painting party at Birdsboro Library open to the Community. Fr. David will let the consultant know we've decided not to contract for future consultation services.

Renee Pusey - said she has accepted a new job after looking for 2 ½ years and putting it into God's hands. Her new job is working for Penn State Extension School of Agriculture. (Her office is next to the Creamery!) She will be responsible for training their nearly 500 employees. Start date is November 27th. She & Rich will relocate and move, but not putting the house up for sale in January so she'll be commuting til the house sells.

Ministry Reports -

Treasurer - Eric distributed reports, including the proposed budget. A new 3-year Mortgage Campaign will begin next year. He said at this point we only have enough to cover this month's payment, and have been running about \$2,500/month short in giving to cover the payment. Will need to find a way to cover the shortfall.

Building and Property - Mark Hessler reported he has the pieces of the old sound system which he has working and will be assembling in a portable cabinet for use in Adams Hall, along with speakers to be installed in ceiling.

Rectory Furnace - Rectory furnace has needed replacement for several years and the last time it was serviced the tech said it's in bad shape. Bill Strickland, working for the 300th Property Committee, is now spearheading a project to replace it. The first step is to have UGI run a gas line to the rectory from the gas main on Welsh Drive. We will then have up to a year to have a gas furnace and water heater installed, otherwise we'll have to pay over \$3,000 for the cost to run the gas to the rectory. Bill requested approval by Vestry for signing the contract with UGI, with the work to be done sometime in early January. Steve Fairbrother moved & Hessler seconded approval of applying to UGI to run a gas line to the rectory in preparation for installation of a new furnace and hot water heater. The motion was unanimously approved.

Church Furnace and Thermostat - Sally reported the heat is not working in the office area of the building, but the church heat is. Mark Hessler will take a look, and also install a new thermostat in church (to replace the old one which doesn't have battery backup and loses the correct time whenever there's a power outage.)

"Hate Has No Place Here" - Suzanne requested this be put on our electronic sign.

Rector - Fr. David shared he found out he was not selected as a candidate for Bishop in our Diocese. He then announced that after discernment and realizing he has more work to do here but also needs to transition, he plans to retire at the end of 2020, after celebrating our 300th Anniversary year. Also, he and the Administrator selected Pentecost Sunday of 2020 (May 31st) for the big celebration with our Bishop. (It's after Memorial Day but before the kids are out of school. Other events will be planned, too.)

Meditation in December - Steve

Snack in December - Carly

The meeting then was closed with a prayer, and after a motion by Danielle Troncelliti seconded by Eric Miller, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Attested by:

Sally Heist, Recording Secretary

Danielle Troncelliti, Clerk of the Vestry