

ST. GABRIEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY MEETING MINUTES
Jan. 2, 2019

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: Fairbrother, C. Heist, Hessler, McCorkle, Stockton, Rivera, Siebert, Miller

Absent: Greenwald, Troncelliti

Non-voting Staff: Bosler, McClellan, S. Heist

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by Steve Fairbrother, Sr. Warden. The meeting opened with a Collect and reading and discussion of the Gospel reading. The Peace was then exchanged.

Minutes - the minutes of the December meeting were approved after a motion by Carol Heist, seconded by Terry Stockton.

Notebook items were discussed.

Chapel - painting proposal from Dan DeMarco to paint the interior as recommended by Property Committee was approved after motion by Carol Heist, seconded by Ed McCorkle.

Rectory - Steve reported Fr. David will be out of the Rectory on the 5th and a team will tour it on the 6th to see what work needs to be done and clean out whatever junk remains.

Interim Vicar - A letter of agreement with the Rev. Nancy Packard, canonically resident and formerly rector at St. Mary's, Reading, interim at St. Alban's and St. Anne's Trexlertown and retired to New Hampshire, will be signed and she will serve 3/4 time as our Interim Vicar. She will be here for a period of about 4 months, beginning January 20th.

New Vestry - Bill Strickland and Ben Heckman, both of whom have served on vestry previously, have agreed to serve again, and because the other person who had been asked can't serve, Carol Heist agreed to serve another term. Steve said he has someone in mind to begin training for a future Senior Warden.

Treasurer's Report - Annual Distributions: Eric submitted his requests (distributed before the meeting). Approval of Annual Distributions from Krause Trust 5% : Ed McCorkle moved and Mark Hessler seconded. The Endowment Fund - Mark Hessler moved and Ed McCorkle seconded.

Budget - Eric distributed the budget for approval, and said the draft changed a bit since it had been sent previously. Eric gave an overview and answered questions. Included this year is a figure for Diocesan Acceptance. After years of not paying this voluntary donation to the Diocese, Eric proposed we start paying a portion of the amount the Diocese suggests. He said some of the figures are purely estimates. Eric pointed out one of the cuts recommended by the Finance Ministry is to the Music Budget, the majority of which is used for the increasing number of paid voices in our choir. It was felt that is unsustainable and the number needs to be cut. Steve Fairbrother then moved and Jo Rivera seconded to approve the proposed budget.

Other Ministry Reports - Russ reported **Laundry Love** is going well. He met with some people from Christ Church, Pottstown about some joint outreach ministry involving the shelter folks whose bedding & clothes need to be washed.

Common Ground - Russ said he has clergy coverage for the service through end of January and various people covering going forward. He will be attending the ELCA conference in February again, with the cost paid by ELCA!

Website - Steve reported he has built a new website and reminded people to take photos from our events and get them to him to use.

Deacon Sally then distributed communion from the reserved Sacrament.

After a motion by Ed McCorkle, seconded by Steve Fairbrother, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Attested by:

Sally Heist, Recording Secretary

Danielle Troncelliti, Clerk of the Vestry