

**St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Vestry
January 17, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

Vestry Members Present: Rick Lotz, Tom Kolb, Patricia Enriquez, Becky Donovan, Justin Klassen, Sara Bailey, Heather Bell, Brad Kimbrough, Greg Petrites, Andrea Ledvina, Marti Plager, Judy Fischer, Elizabeth Walden (Phone), Natalie Bruner (Phone)

Absent: Nathan Sparks, David Brooks

Clergy/Staff: The Rev. Kelly Kirby, Rector; The Rev. Benjamin Hart, Director of Congregational Life

Opening Prayer

Reading/reflection

Justin Klassen led a reflection.

Approval of November Minutes

The November minutes were accepted as presented.

Rector's Report & Vestry Housekeeping

There was a discussion of the Vestry Town Hall that was held recently and what was heard. There were a lot of questions about programming, rather than the specific work of the Vestry. Most of the time was spent discussing Clingman Forum. As a result, we are discerning what Clingman Forum will look like in the future.

There was a discussion of the Vestry making calls to parishioners more than once a year during the annual campaign. Sara Bailey will look at the list of parishioners and how they could be divided among the vestry. This will be put on the agenda for the next vestry meeting to continue the discussion.

Kelly reviewed our bylaws regarding the Annual Meeting and the election of new vestry members. There will be a vestry meeting immediately following the annual meeting.

The outgoing vestry members—Tom Kolb, Heather Bell, Patricia Enriquez, Andrea Ledvina, and Natalie Bruner shared reflections on their time on the vestry and were thanked for their valuable service.

Financial Report

Kelly presented the 2017 Statement Budget vs. Actual. Pledges were below budget, loose offering was above budget. We had several very generous bequests. Rental income has increased. Kelly explained where we ended the year compared to our budget in each category of our expenditures.

Kelly presented the 2017 General Fund Budget Statement (Income Statement), Consolidating Balance Sheet, the Building Fund Balance Sheet, and the Endowment Fund Report. Motion from Brad Kimbrough to accept the financial report, subject to audit. Second Patricia Enriquez. Motion carried unanimously.

Warden Reports

Senior Warden

We are finishing the last of the work that needed to be done to repair the lower level. When that work is completed, the remaining funds from the dissolution of our preschool will be divided between St. George's Scholar Institute and The Kenya Kids at Rongo. It looks like we will be able to be more generous with these gifts than we had anticipated.

Junior Warden

The Boiler has needed a couple of repairs recently, but it is now fixed.

Vestry Liaison Reports

Stewardship

Sara Bailey gave an update on the stewardship campaign. We have almost reached our budgeted goal. Sara shared statistics about how giving for 2018 compares to previous years.

Dimensions of Faith

Marti Plager and Judy Fischer reported that the committee is making the final plans for Martin Smith coming to SMEC March 9-11.

Buildings and Grounds

Tom Kolb reported that work continues on the memorial garden. We will continue following the plan we made for the Memorial Garden, and put in some new plants.

Outreach

Becky Donovan reported that at the Outreach committee they are discerning their role and how they will operate in the future.

Planned Giving

Becky Donovan reported that they will be hosting a breakfast on Legacy Sunday, between the two morning services. There will also be a Clingman Forum presentation. The committee is discerning how they would like to function and what events will look like in the future.

Nominating Committee

Tom Kolb reported that we received enough nominations to put together a full slate for the vestry election at the annual meeting. The nominees for vestry are Matrid Ndife

Susanne Cramer Amanda Harrity George Wheeler, Kevin Wardell, and Katherine Ledvina (Youth Representative). Brad Kimbrough will create a survey monkey so that people may vote online.

Theological Reflection

The Vestry reflected on where they found the Holy Spirit in this meeting, and whether our work moved us closer to fulfilling our mission/goals.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50, followed by Compline.

Compline

Respectfully submitted, Benjamin Hart

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benjamin Hart" followed by a small plus sign.

