

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Vestry November 21, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Vestry Members Present: David Brooks, Rick Lotz, Patricia Enriquez, Becky Donovan, Justin Klassen, Sara Bailey, Heather Bell, Brad Kimbrough, Greg Petrites

Absent: Nathan Sparks, Andrea Ledvina, Natalie Bruner, Marti Plager, Judy Fischer, Elizabeth Walden, Tom Kolb

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

Opening Prayer

Reading/reflection

Heather Bell led a reflection.

Approval of October Minutes

The October minutes were accepted as presented.

Rector's Report & Vestry Housekeeping

Judy Heuglin's estate is wrapping up and they have let us know that we will receive \$98,000 soon. The estate of Bill and Betty Grant has contacted us to let us know that we will receive \$200,000. We will make plans for the gifts after they have arrived. Kelly suggests that with such gifts we continue to pay down the loan to the operating account from the capital campaign fund. After that has been paid off, she suggests other money go toward the soffit repairs.

Financial Report

David Brooks reported that we have two new money counters. Kit Kincade and Shaver Collins will be joining and David and Bill Weinberg are rolling off for a year.

David explained a few details in the 2018 budget. We expect to receive more giving as loose offering and less as intentions. Restricted funds will be used as they were restricted.

Motion by Patricia Enriquez to accept the 2018 Budget as presented. Second by Sara Bailey. The motion carried unanimously.

David presented the 2017 General Fund Budget Statement (Income Statement), Consolidating Balance Sheet, The Community Preschool of St Matthew's Episcopal Church Balance Sheet, and The Community Preschool of St Matthew's Episcopal Church Profit & Loss YTD Comparison.

Motion from Becky Donovan to accept the financial report, subject to audit. Second Patricia Enriquez. Motion carried unanimously.

Warden Reports

Senior Warden

The carpet installation is complete. The portico repairs are complete. The work toward acquiring the conditional use permit for the Memorial Garden is continuing well.

Vestry Liaison Reports

Convention

Sara Bailey, Brad Kimbrough, Becky Donovan, and Patricia Enriquez reported back about Diocesan Convention. They spoke of the presentations that were made and the hiring of Bill Beam to be the interim director at All Saints. There were many people from St. Matthew's elected to leadership positions. There was a motion at the end of convention to raise awareness for mental health challenges and addiction within the diocese, charging the Bishop to create a task force to study this problem.

Stewardship

The Vestry made calls to people who had not yet returned their intentions. They will send one more email to the remaining people this year, and then again in the new year. We are in good shape and the stewardship campaign is winding down. In January, the committee will be looking at our year-round stewardship plan.

Buildings and Grounds

Work has been done cleaning up the memorial garden. We do two leaf pick-ups a year, one at the end of November and one at the end of December or the beginning of January. There was a discussion of the temperature in the narthex.

Outreach

There will be an outreach meeting on Tuesday.

Planned Giving

Becky Donovan reported that they have had two events—one with the Stewards of St. Matthew's in an evening, where Jason Lewis led a form of appreciative inquiry. The other event was at the Clingman Forum on Sunday morning, where Jason presented the work that the Steward's had done. The notes from that appreciative inquiry process were shared read by the Vestry.

There was a thought that we need to share this with the whole congregation, and to tie this group's responses in with the other things we've heard through other surveys about our perceived identity. There was a discussion of sharing this work with the committees.

The Vestry will take these notes and make a report to the annual meeting. Patricia Enriquez and Justin Klassen will work on that report.

Nominating Committee

The work of the nominating committee is going well. They have some very good nominees and will do their work to make next year's vestry slate.

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 8:00, followed by Compline.

Compline

Respectfully submitted, Benjamin Hart

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benjamin Hart". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.