

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Vestry September 19, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Vestry Members Present: Heather Bell, Elizabeth Walden, Natalie Bruner, Andrea Ledvina, Patricia Enriquez, Greg Petrites, Marti Plager, David Brooks, Sara Bailey, Rick Lotz, Judy Fischer, Tom Kolb, Becky Donovan

Absent: Brad Kimbrough, Justin Klassen, Nathan Sparks

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

Opening Prayer

Reading/reflection

Andrea Ledvina led an opening reflection.

Approval of August Minutes

The August minutes were amended to include Sara Bailey's name as an alternate representative for the Diocesan Convention. A motion was made by Rick Lotz to accept the minutes as amended. A second was made by Tom Kolb. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Rector's Report & Vestry Housekeeping

Rev. Kirby shared her thoughts and findings about her recent Preaching Group retreat, which involved studying what ways are effective when preaching sermons to congregations.

She then shared the long- and short-term plans for a mission trip to Texas to assist with hurricane clean-up and assistance.

Susan Judge submitted a report regarding the Toy Library and its status, including plans for its opening, desired supplies for cleaning and organizing, and ways to promote.

The inaugural family campout was very successful with approximately 70 participants.

The Vestry walked through the lower level to view the recent improvements.

Financial Report

David Brooks presented and reviewed the 2017 General Fund Budget Statement ending August 31, 2017 and the Consolidating Balance Sheet ending August 31, 2017. He discussed the 2018 Commitment Letter and the proposed financial contribution of SMEC to the Diocese. A motion was made by Heather Bell to accept the contribution as proposed. Second by Judy Fischer. The motion passed by unanimous vote. A motion

was made by Tom Kolb to accept the financial statements as presented. Second by Judy Fischer. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Warden Reports

Rock Lotz provided updates on the status of the permit for the Memorial Garden, the portico repair estimates and insurance timeframes, and the timeline for carpeting installation.

Tom Kolb presented and reviewed the estimate for soffit replacement for administration/office wing, which will take place sometime in 2018. He provided a drawing of the recent plantings along the side of the building by the parking lot. He also shared that the heating/boiler system needs to be cleaned, which was discovered during a recent inspection.

Vestry Liaison Reports

Stewardship

Sara Bailey provided an example of the 2018 Giving form that will be provided to the congregation Annual Giving campaign and other efforts for promoting giving amongst church members.

Dimensions of Faith

Patricia Enriquez shared that the committee is preparing for the upcoming visit by Sarah Bessey.

Planned Giving

Andrea Ledvina said that a reception will be held on October 19 for those who have designated gifts, which will be followed by a discussion during Clingman's Forum that next Sunday.

Theological Reflection

The meeting adjourned at 7:48, followed by Compline.

Compline

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Bruner

Benjamin Hart