

St. Stephen's Vestry Minutes March 11, 2019

In attendance: Scott Armstrong, Kathy DiCiantis, David Eldon, Corinne Fragnoli, Ken Fuhr, Alan Giles, Miranda Spates, Karol Sprague, Dave Stein, Justin Wojas, Pat Wojas. Missing Jackie Ingersoll.

Scott called the meeting to order at 7:05.

I. We shared our gifts of gratitude from the past month. Corrine asked for prayers for Steve.

II. The minutes from the January meeting were approved.

III. Alan gave a prayer, asked for patience and read from Philippians, chapter 4, verse 4.

IV. **Warden's report:** Scott has attended evening prayer at the American House where St. Stephen's member now live. Evening prayer is held there on the 2nd Thursday of the month from 4 to 5PM. The youth trip to Cleveland was a success. The visit included the Cathedral, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the Western market. Good bonding.

V. **Mission Focus:** We should continue with St. Stephen's strategic planning. Holy conversations were a good start. The more defined our message is the easier it will be for a new minister. We need to work those findings and ideas into our present situation. Scott encourages all vestry members to stay in touch with "temperature of the church". He has concern about reduced attendance. We are conducting all programs, and three services and hospitality after the 9:00 service. Irish night has a bigger number of sign-ups than last year.

-We should over communicate.

- Information about upcoming events needs to be published 6 to 8 weeks in advance.

- Post a "What's Happening" on the chain.

- Make paper weekly lists of events easily available.

VI. **Consent Calendar:** No discussion. Minutes passed for January.

VII. **Old Business.** Phil gave treasurer report and gave us a yellow light. We are managing expenses well.

VIII. - Miranda suggested using Befrienders as a way to reach older members. - She also suggested mailing the Sunday Bulletin to those who routinely cannot attend.

Justin presented costs of \$1265 for two new microphones. Motion was moved, seconded and approved for two mics. Dave requested funds (\$1600) to repair three sets of doors. Moved, seconded and passed. Scott is scheduling a safe church training session at St. Stephens for members of the Vestry and others who require training. More information with be forthcoming.

IX. Irish night is on March 16 and has had a great response.

X. Closing prayer was given and meeting was adjourned at 9:35.