

St. Stephen's Vestry Minutes

September 9, 2019

Attendees: Scott Armstrong, Dave Eldon, Corinne Fragnoli, Karol Sprague, Jackie Ingersoll, Dave Stein, Ken Fuhr, \ Justin Wojas, Miranda Spates, Alan Giles, the Rev Sharon Voelker, Finance Committee Chairperson-Don Ingersoll, Phil Pierce-Treasurer.
Absent: Pat Wojas, Kathy DeCiantis

I. Checking in-Scott Armstrong called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. Vestry members shared something they were grateful for and something they would like prayers for.

II. Approval of Agenda-Consent Calendar-Minutes and Financials

At the last meeting, there was a discussion about buying a new freezer and which committee or persons should be involved in researching the options. This discussion was not included in the Minutes. It was determined that the discussion was really a committee matter not a Vestry matter and thus was not put in the Minutes.

III. Opening Prayer & Scripture:-Jackie said an opening prayer.

IV. Senior Warden's Report-Scott thanked the Hospitality Committee for a wonderful

Welcome Back Sunday brunch. He has touched base with the Diocese about a candidate for Priest in charge. There are usually candidates in the fall. Scott will try to get tickets for all of us to attend the installation of the new Bishop. We were reminded to treat each other with love and respect even when we disagree.

V. Rector's Report-Mother Sharon met with many of the committees over the summer. She conducted an acolyte training, led an adult Bible study, sent birthday cards to the kids and thank you cards to new people and recruited LEMs.

VI. Consent Calendar

- a. Minutes from previous meeting-Sent by email
- b. Financial Reports-Sent by email

VII. Old Business:

- a. Holy Conversations-An Opportunity Committee has been formed to evaluate the information from the Holy Conversations and related to the selling of the acreage and explore opportunities both financial and functional.
- b. Stewardship: Planning is underway. Under consideration are group meetings and visits to parishioners.
- c. Several parishioners have volunteered to run for the Vestry in January.

VII. New Business:

- a. Committee Roll Call-Parishioners in the directory will be called to check that their directory

information is correct. They will also be asked how they would like to receive the Witness, by email or regular mail. The phone chain will be reinstated.

b. Apportionment-The Diocese requires that parishes pledge 10 percent of their revenue, based on the average of the last 3 years. Historically, we have been paying 10 percent of our monthly revenue. Ken moved and Miranda seconded that while we cannot commit to the preferred apportionment this year, in 2020, we will commit to it. It will be budgeted in the 2020 budget for the amount of \$34,336. The motion passed with 7 yeases and 3 abstaining.

c. Acceptance of Audit-Alan moved and David Stein seconded to accept the audit. The motion passed.

d. Building & Grounds-Dave Eldon painted the sign and shield. The new furnace will be installed on Friday. The Fire Marshall was in and determined that the capacity of people for the fellowship hall is 150 with tables and chairs. More people are allowed if the tables and chairs are not set up.

VIII. Mother Sharon gave the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jackie Ingersoll, Clerk