

Stephens Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
April 11, 2017

The April Vestry meeting of St Stephens Episcopal Church was called to order by the Senior Warden, Alice Moss at 7:00PM, on April 11th.

In attendance: Mother Susan, Katy Allen, Scott Armstrong, Alan Giles Jackie Ingersoll, Richard Kenefic, Alice Moss, Rob Redmer, Norma Ross, Paula Somerville, Karol Sprague, Roy Waters, Justin Wojas and treasurer Jim Trask. Guest: Phil Pierce.

Rob Redmer gave the opening prayer and led us with a scripture reading from Romans Chapter 12 and reflections from the vestry.

Mother Susan gave the Rector's monthly report which was distributed through the vestry group email. She requested that we find someone to bring the Grosses to Sunday service.

The Mission focus for this month is Strategic Planning. Phil Pierce presented his research and projections to the group. He stressed using data to help us formulate our future goals. Alice reported on the Requiem or Renaissance Workshop held on March 25 at St Paul's, Brighton. St Stephens was represented by Mother Susan, Katy Allen, Jackie Ingersoll, Alice Moss, Norma Ross, Paula Somerville, Karol Sprague,

Discussion followed. Justin suggested choosing a primary outreach which would engage the whole church. This may be of interest to our current demographics and may bring attention to our church. Rob reminded us not to tie this goal to more financial commitments. Katy will contact the Outreach Committee. Connecting with foster children has strong support. Mother Susan suggests a three year plan and not jumping into something too quickly. Outreach will be asked to report to the vestry next month.

Regular business: Katy is using vestry email to share the January 2017 Vestry meeting minutes for approval. Scott moved to approve the March minutes. Motion was approved. Jim gave the treasurer's report. He asked that vestry members email questions to him rather than waiting for the next meeting.

Jim and Mother Susan confirmed that the plate offering on Outreach Sunday goes entirely to the organization speaking that day This amount does not apply to our annual outreach budget. Pledges in envelopes are applied to the giver's pledge and stay with St. Stephens. Paula made a motion to give the 10 o'clock service plate to the speaker. It was approved. Justin reported that the Covenant Evaluation Committee met on March 5. He asks that the members review his report and give him feed-back.

Coming events: The summer picnic date has been changed to June 4. Auction will be May 6. Auction items may be dropped off at the church now, unless they are very large. The Crafting Kindness Group is donating 2 quilts. The June 6 Vestry meeting was discussed. It will stay on the 6th. The Ministry Fair will be held at The Cathedral on May 6.

Rob led us in closing prayer. Meeting was adjourned at 9:25.

Karol Sprague, Clerk