

St. Stephens Episcopal Church  
Vestry Minutes

November 14, 2017

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

### **I. Opening**

A. The monthly Vestry meeting of St Stephens Episcopal Church, held on November 14, 2017, was called to order by the Senior Warden, Alice Moss at 7:05PM.

B. Jackie gave the opening prayer and led a short lesson with a scripture reading from 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians.

C. Rector's monthly report

1. Mother Susan attended the AMEN conference on Mackinac Island (for all of Michigan's Episcopal clergy) and the Clergy Clinic in Family Systems Workshop in Chicago (recommended by our consultant Terri). She will be attending the General Convention in July 2018, held in Austin Texas.

2 An October family event was held at Upland Hills Farm, well attended and enjoyed by all.

3. Stewardship materials have been sent to parishioners and some have already been returned.

4. Norma and Kris have begun the Sunday morning adult faith book discussion with high attendance.

5. Antonio, a disabled man living in a nearby halfway home, called Susan and asked for a ride to St. Stephens. He has attended 10:30 service and adult faith. He enjoys the service. Karol asked about coordinating rides for him to church.

6. Rite 13 and a naming ceremony were celebrated on November 12.

7. The office has new software for the membership directory. Susan asks for patience as the bugs are worked through.

### **II. Regular Business**

A. The minutes of the October meeting were approved on-line.

B. Financial update was given by Jim Trask. It is on course for the end of the year. There was some discussion on increases and decreases for some line items. No motion for changes was made.

C. Reports

1. Caleb Sinclair our choir director has left his position to focus full-time on his new teaching job. Efforts are underway to recruit a replacement.

2. Pastoral Care Committee met for lunch in early November. A plan has been drafted for regular visits of our shut-ins by lay visitors to supplement calls by Mo. Susan.

### **III. Strategic /Mission Focus**

1. A question was raised about part-time salaries. Part-time is twenty hours and does not include benefits.
2. We discussed building rental. There is concern about securing the kitchen supplies. Ideas were put forth including locks and video surveillance. No decision was reached.
- C. Stewardship discussion was postponed because Alan was absent due to illness.

#### **IV. Coming events and general comments**

The Mission focus for next month is the 2018 Budget. Also nominations for Vestry to be elected at January's annual meeting (Sunday Jan. 28).

There will be another Family Night to make Advent crafts on Sat. Nov. 18.

All were encouraged to attend Christmas Walk (Dec. 2) and women's Advent by Candlelight (Dec. 3).

Special worship schedule for December 23-24 and 30-31 was reviewed.

Twelfth Night Party returns on January 6, with cooking by Steve Fragnoli and friends.

Mother Susan led the closing prayer

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Karol Sprague, Clerk

Edit by Mo Susan