

Vestry Minutes
Tuesday, August 16, 2016
Calvary Episcopal Church

Present: Terre Sullivant, Sarah Squire, Fred Piper, Tony Graves, Palmer Jones, Donovan Smith, David Leigh, Julie Bethel, Margaret Craddock, Raymond Spence, Chris Bird, Jan Gwin

Not-Present: Claudia Haltom, Celeste Herburger, Nicky Hitching

Clergy, Staff: Paul McLain, Neil Raman, Katie Owen, Hall Gardner

Call to Order

Sr Warden Terre Sullivant called the meeting to order and Paul McLain opened with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of July's Vestry meeting was made by Tony Graves and seconded by Palmer Jones. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for July was presented by Katie Owen. YTD Pledge income is ahead of last year at this same time. Plate receipts are in line with history. Expenses are slightly over budget due to timing issues of certain expenses. Last few months of the year are usually strong for plate receipts. No meaningful changes to the balance sheet since last month.

Thistle and Bee has received its own 501c3 designation and has opened its open checking account. \$25,000 of the funds held by Calvary on behalf of Thistle and Bee was transferred into their new checking account.

The Annual Financial Audit is complete. A report will be provided to the next vestry meeting.

Peg Wahl has agreed to be the new stewardship chair. Margaret McLean will be her co-chair. "Zip code" stewardship parties will be announced in the near future.

Buildings and Grounds committee is working to finalize the design changes to Nachos building. Financing will be determined after design is complete; however, all methods of financing will be considered.

The Parks Commission has proposed that Calvary buy the Columbus Park land. They are also proposing that a memorial statue also be placed on the property. Discussions and negotiations continue.

Working Group Reports

Administrative Group report was presented by Tony Graves. Compensation Committee will meet on Monday to begin the assessment of staff compensation.

Formation Group report was presented by Sarah Squire. Nothing of note to report

A Ministry Group report was not presented by Nicky Hitching.

Warden Reports

Terre Sullivant encouraged everyone to thank Peg Wahl and Margaret McLean for their service on the Stewardship Committee. Terre also reminded everyone of Sarah Squire's earlier idea to treat the staff to lunch on one upcoming day. Terre will work to coordinate a day with the staff.

The slate for the 2017 Vestry class will be published to the Parish on October 1. Please send all nominations and suggestions for the 2017 class to Terre. Terre and several of the previous Sr Wardens will review the nominations and propose a slate of candidates.

Terre also thanked Palmer Jones and Nicky Hitching for the work there are completing on the Parish Profile for the Rector Search Committee.

Fred Piper and Julie Bethel had no updates.

Associate Rectors' Reports

Paul McLain reported that Arts Camp was a success with 25 kids. Planning for next year has already started. Eric Milner was particularly active in the Arts Camp. Children and Youth formation started the previous Sunday. Adult formation starts on September 11. Mitzi Minor will be leading a 3 week class on Corinthians. Wednesday nights will be full of events. Mimsy and Paul will be leading a Philippians Bible Study. Tim Huebner will be leading a church history class as well. Current Faith and Current Events will be led by Matt Seltzer.

A grant opportunity could exist to help offset the cost of the Youth Minister position.

Neil Raman and Eyleen Farmer will be leading Discovery Class on Wednesday nights in the fall. Thursday morning bible study on parables and the gospel of John. Young Adult 21-35 ministry will be going to Brass door for lunch on Sunday after Formation. The 30s-40s group will also be formed. Teen Confirmation class has 8 young people. Neil will be going to NY for his ordination in September.

New Business

Hall Gardner is very pleased with the current Parish Profile document. Hall will be presenting a quick PowerPoint on this upcoming Sunday during Formation that outlines the rector search process. The Search Committee has met twice. The Search Committee will be working with James Dowd to refine the language in the Parish profile document and integrate everyone's comments and suggestions. The current Search Committee will also be meeting with the previous Search Committee on an upcoming Sunday in order to define and assign roles within the committee. Around 14 candidate names have already been submitted even though the opening is not officially posted with the national Episcopal Church. All candidates must undergo a Canonical assessment to determine that are eligible for the position.

Margaret Craddock presented a report on blight in the Downtown area near Calvary. Two meetings about this topic have been held where several parishioners attended. Neighborhood Preservation Inc. is the group that has been formed to work with the City on this project alongside the U of M Law School Blight Clinic and several other entities with interest in the downtown area. A walking tour of the neighborhood will be documenting the history of the area and help document the various issues in the area. Calvary has offered to host these gatherings and the walking tours. Two dates in October, either 15-16 or 22-23, have been proposed. Volunteers from the parish will be needed to help with the walking tours.

Adjournment

With no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chris Bird. The motion carried unanimously.

Sincerely,
Hank Word