

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2018

Fr. Jim Clement, interim priest, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. He offered **Opening Prayers**.

Those **present** were Fr. Jim Clement, Anita Biletzky, Barb Weaver, Judy Dettloff, Bronwyn Burgweger, Jack Frost, Lynne Roberts, Phil Montgomery, John Vain, Bill Nicklas, and Donna Hill, Vestry Clerk.

There were no **absences**.

There was one **guest** in the audience.

Fr. Jim requested an addition to the **Agenda**, under old business, "2018 Common Mission Share Pledge." The Agenda was then accepted.

The **Minutes** for December 21, 2017, were approved after a motion by Barb Weaver and a second by Bill Nicklas.

There was nothing presented in **Open Forum**.

Committee Reports

Finance/Treasurer Report – John Vain reported that 2017 finished in the positive. He explained various line items, special accounts, funds, carry-overs, and other budget activity.

Buildings and Grounds/Restoration and Renovation – There was no new activity to report.

Caregivers – There was not a meeting since the last Vestry meeting.

Outreach – Lynne Roberts provided an attached report.

Search Committee – Phil Montgomery, who represented the Committee, reported that a candidate recently withdrew from consideration. The Diocese has re-posted the position and this posting will remain open until March, when it is possible that one or more new applicants will be referred to the Search Committee.

Interim Rector's Report – Fr. Jim thanked all those who gave time and energy to the recent Christmas celebrations. He also acknowledged Fr. Tom Lamb who was supply priest in Fr. Jim's absence. St. Peter's will host the Rockford Deanery on Thursday, January 25. The dates for Children's Christian Education in February and March: February 11th and 25th. March 11th and 26th.

He informed Vestry of services for Ash Wednesday, February 14.

Ash Wednesday at St. Peters – 7:30 A.M. Liturgy for Ash Wednesday; Imposition of Ashes

8:30 A.M. Morning Prayer

7:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II; Imposition of Ashes

Ash Wednesday at Oak Crest – 2:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II; Imposition of Ashes

Old Business

Final Budget Preparation – The Vestry had a long and spirited discussion. John Vain and Fr. Jim led the Vestry through each line item. John Vain explained the flow of monies and how budget numbers are determined. John also explained various budget cuts for 2018. There was discussion and adjustments were made in order to be presented at the Annual Meeting. Additional cuts were needed to balance the budget, and in response to that need, Bill Nicklas offered to make a \$5,000 donation to offset the amount needed for a balance.

There was discussion concerning the possibility of rewriting trust agreements. The goal is to achieve a better return from the trusts, while at the same time being prudent and protecting the principal of those trusts. Bill Nicklas moved and Jack Frost seconded that the Trustees be allowed to proceed reviewing options for realizing a better return from the Trusts. The motion carried.

Trustees for Trusts – John Vain suggested replacing Larry Smith with Bill Nicklas as a Trustee for the St. Peter's Trust. He also suggested that Jane Ovitz replace Bill Nicklas on the Charitable Memorial Trust. John Castle was recommended to serve another three years on the Waterman Trust. Barb Weaver moved and Phil Montgomery seconded that these actions be taken. The motion carried.

"2018 Common Mission Share Pledge" – After discussion, Phil Montgomery moved and Anita Biletzky seconded that St. Peter's pledge will be \$1,500 to the Diocese. The motion carried.

Bill Nicklas moved and it was seconded to apply \$750 to the Organist Salary.

Vestry Candidates – There are four candidates who have agreed to stand for election on the Vestry:
Senior Warden (3 year term) – Phil Montgomery
Members at large (3 year term) – John Boies and Donna Hill
Member at large (a remaining 2 year term) – Henry Vincent

Bishop Lee's visit – Fr. Jim reminded the Vestry of Bishop Lee's visitation to St. Peters on Sunday, January 21, 2018. Barb Weaver reported that preparations for the Coffee-hour reception are in order.

Air Conditioning for Waterman Hall – Bill Nicklas reported that several anonymous donors have come forward to entirely finance the air conditioning of Waterman Hall and the Library with private funds. The project was briefly described, which will involve two local contractors for HVAC and electrical work. Barb Weaver moved and Anita Biletzky seconded that the Vestry move forward with this air conditioning project, which is funded by anonymous donors. The motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be **adjourned** at 10:00 P.M. The motion carried.

Fr. Jim Clement offered **closing prayers**.

Respectfully submitted by,

Donna Hill, Vestry Clerk