

Vestry Minutes of St. Peter's Episcopal Church

September 20, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by Senior Warden, Phil Montgomery. Those present were: Phil Montgomery, Anita Biletzky, Donna Hill, Henry Vincent, Judy Dettloff, Barbara Weaver, Bronwyn Burgweger, John Vain, Treasurer and Judy LaPorta, clerk.

Absent was John Boies

Visitors included Fr. Georges Jallouf, Cindy Vain, Lynne Roberts, Nancy Franke, Pat Klein, and Jane Ovitz.

A motion was made by Anita Biletzky to approve the agenda and seconded by Barbara Weaver. The motion passed.

Barbara Weaver made a motion to approve the minutes and Judy Dettloff seconded. The motion passed.

**Open Forum:** Judy Dettloff, for Jane Ovitz, discussed the tree planting program that the City of Sycamore is offering. They are offering to pay ½ of the cost of trees for the beautification project. Barbara Weaver recommended that this be deferred to New Business.

**Finance** – John Vain reported that the finances are in good shape. Our costs have been down. Since Fr. Jim left we have been using supply clergy, and trust fund money was deposited early, (it had been deposited in Dec.), and we have had some prepaid pledges.

FPIF funds were used for a new water softener in the rectory, to repair basement plumbing, and clean up.

John reported that there are still some funds in Heartland Bank. That account will be closed once all the bills are paid from it. Some direct debits were not changed in time and will come out of this account.

Phil Montgomery moved to approve the financial reports, Henry Vincent seconded, and the motion carried.

Because a motion was not made at the August meeting, Anita Biletzky moved to approve the July financial reports, it was seconded by Judy Dettloff, and the motion carried.

Phil Montgomery thanked everyone who was involved in the rectory repair, cleaning, and ongoing projects: Anita Biletzky, John Vain, Pat and Tom Klein, Nick and Amanda Klein, and Donna Hill.

Fr. Georges asked that he be notified if anyone needs help. He will be out in the community talking to people and getting to know the community.

**Building and Grounds:** Anita Biletzky agreed to continue as Building and Grounds Chairman after her term as Jr. Warden is up in January. Pat & Tom Klein will continue to do the cleaning and upkeep of the church buildings and grounds.

Building & Grounds was instrumental in getting the rectory ready for Fr. Georges and Maha. The interior was painted and cleaned, the kitchen faucet and water softener were replaced. The water main shut off was moved, pipes were flushed and the door was fixed. The snow blower in the garage was serviced, and screens were repaired.

A bid of \$1134.00 was received for the refinishing of the floors in the main level of the rectory. This amount was the same as the bid we had received 10 years ago.

Cintas will be called to service fire extinguishers in the church and Waterman hall.

A bid of \$5500.00 was received for painting the outside of the rectory. This bid was by the painter who painted both the rectory interior and the Wetzel house exterior. The bid of \$5500.00 was discussed. A bid of \$28,000.00 to re-side the rectory was also obtained and discussed.

**Stewardship:** Anita Biletzky, chairman of the Stewardship committee, prepared the Stewardship letter which will be mailed Oct. 16th. The letter was submitted to the vestry for review.

**Old Business** – Rent increases for the Wetzel and Nolan houses were discussed. Bronwyn Burgweger moved to raise the rent on both houses by \$50.00 this year, and then a 2-3% raise each year thereafter, based on the taxes on the properties. It was brought up in discussion that the Nolan house has no amenities, no upgrades, and has had problems with water in the basement, and therefore, a \$50.00 increase is not warranted. Anita Biletzky changed the motion to \$50.00 for the Wetzel house and \$25.00 for Nolan house this year, with a 2-3% increase in the following years. Phil Montgomery seconded the motion. The motion carried with one no vote.

John Boies, Anita Biletzky, and Donna Hill will look into solving the water problem in the Nolan house basement.

**New Business:**

City beautification program – Judy Dettloff and Jane Ovitz will work with the city to obtain two trees for St. Peters.

**Diocese Convention:** The diocese convention is the first weekend in November, the 16th-17<sup>th</sup>. Anita Biletzky, Jr. Warden, will be attending and two additional delegates are needed.

**Vestry Openings:** The Junior Warden and 2 additional positions will be open for 2019 vote.

**Coffee hour** for Fr. Georges and Maha: The vestry and search committee will host the coffee hour on Fr. Georges' first Sunday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. Judy LaPorta and Barb Weaver will coordinate this event.

**Rector report:** Fr. Georges will be visiting our shut – in parishioners at least once or twice a month. On Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am Fr. Georges will have a blessing of the animals on the front porch of Waterman Hall. All are welcome to bring their pets.

Anita Biletzky moved that the meeting be adjourned. This was seconded by Barb Weaver. After a closing prayer by Fr. Georges, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Judy LaPorta Vestry Clerk

