

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

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VESTRY MEETING AGENDA

Monday, February 26, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Vestry Present: Liz DeGaynor, Beverly McNeill, Marjorie Miller, Alec Motten, Pamela Njai, Dan Pearson, Bob Walker, Bynum Walter, Glenn Walters, Chapman Williams, Callie Woods

Clergy Present: the Rev. Jonah Kendall, the Rev. Sally French

Guests: Andrew Sprouse

Call to Order The regular monthly meeting of the vestry of St. Philip's Church convened on March 26, 2018 at 6:03 pm in the St. Philip's library, the Senior Warden being in the chair and the Clerk being present. Sally French opened the meeting with a prayer and the Rector arrived shortly thereafter.

Minutes (See Dropbox) Alec Motten moved to approve the February 26, 2018 Vestry Meeting minutes and Marjorie Miller seconded the motion; it was approved nem. con.

Treasurer's Report (See Dropbox) Andrew Sprouse presented a report for January and February. He noted that a high number of unpaid pledges at the end of 2017 combined with the receipt of 2018 prepaid pledges put revenue significantly ahead of budget for the year. Bob Walker moved to approval of the report and Bynum Walter seconded the motion; it was approved nem. con.

Strategic Plan Quarterly Reports (See Dropbox) Vestry liaisons for the Campus Study Task Force, the Ryals Committee, the Welcome Committee, the Communications Task Force, and the Project Resource Task Force presented second quarter goals. The vestry will review progress in June.

J2A (See Dropbox) Sally French briefed the vestry on the current funding and fees practices and presented an alternative policy. By consensus, the vestry asked that Beverly, Glenn, Bob, and Sally convene to discuss a revised policy for vestry discussion in April, with expectation of a vote during the May meeting.

Lilly Endowment Grant Request Sally presented a request for vestry support of a Lilly Endowment Grant request for a sabbatical in 2019 (tentatively late April through July). Sally has been ordained for more than 10 years, but never had the benefit of a sabbatical. The grant would award money to her and to St. Philip's for support in her absence. She intends to finish the J2A curriculum revisions project before her departure. The request requires a signature from the Senior Warden. Beverly McNeill moved that the vestry support the grant request and Pamela Njai seconded the motion; it was approved nem. con. A Wednesday evening formation will be planned to engage the congregation.

Vestry Sympathy Bynum Walter noted that two vestry members have recently lost close family members and asked that the vestry consider how best to express sympathy to each other. By consensus the vestry agreed going forward to send a sympathy card signed by the vestry including a note that altar flowers would be offered in memory on a date in the future.

Junior Warden's Report Glenn Walters reported general maintenance expenses at this time last year were at 25% of the annual budget and that this year they are even higher.

Senior Warden's Report Bob Walker presented a request (see Dropbox) from the St. Philip's Art Guild to host a photography exhibition, Palestine: Unlimited. The exhibit is likely to be at the church during August/September 2018. Liz DeGaynor moved approval of the request and Alec Motten seconded the motion; it was approved nem. con.

Rector's Report (See Dropbox) Jonah Kendall presented his report, which required no action. He made note of the upcoming Durham CAN meeting that will be held in the St. Philip's Parish Hall on Sunday, April 15 at 4:00 p.m. He also commended Sally French for her extra effort and good work while the Ryals Minister for Families position has been vacant. The vestry offered her a round of applause.

Dismissal and Adjournment Jonah and Sally reviewed pastoral concerns and she offered a closing prayer. The rector adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bynum Walter, Clerk