

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

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VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 21, 2018

6:00 p.m.

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

Clergy Present: the Rev. Jonah Kendall

Guests: Andrew Sprouse

Call to Order The regular monthly meeting of the vestry of St. Philip's Church convened on May 21, 2018 at 6:02 pm in the St. Philip's library, the Rector being in the chair and the Clerk being present. The Rector opened the meeting with a prayer.

Forward Day by Day The vestry discussed the daily reflection from Matthew 12:22-24.

Minutes (See Dropbox) The Rector asked that the minutes be revised to reflect an vote of 10 for, 1 against, 1 no response for the electronic action to adopt a resolution regarding redevelopment of county-owned lots. Bob Walker moved to approved the April 23 Vestry Meeting minutes as revised and Liz DeGaynor seconded the motion; it was approved nem. con.

Treasurer's Report (See Dropbox) Andrew Sprouse presented a report for April. The Vestry asked to receive the monthly financial report with the Vestry meeting packet on the Friday before the meeting. Alec Motten moved to approve the report; Dan Pearson seconded the motion; it was approved nem. con.

Andrew presented a resolution to move \$100,000.00 from BB&T (about \$415,00 held there in a checking/money market account) to the Latino Community Credit Union. Alec Motten made a motion requesting more information of the Finance Committee about the expected interest rate and recommended length of time for investment;

Marjorie Miller seconded the motion and it was approved nem. con.

At the April 23 vestry meeting Dan Pearson inquired about details for Capital Campaign Revenue on the Balance Sheet. As follow-up, Andrew noted that the church bookkeeper typically waits until a significant amount has been received of Capital Campaign contributions before making a payment toward the outstanding debt. The Vestry briefly discussed the terms of the debt; Bob Walker suggested that given the structure of the loan there was no advantage to paying down principle in advance. Bynum Walter made a motion for the Finance Committee to explore the advantages of and options for an alternate investment strategy for advance payments toward the Capital Campaign and also that they provide a definition of “significant amount” to guide the church bookkeeper. Dan Pearson seconded the motion; it was approved nem. con.

Ryals Committee Report Alec Motten reported for information that the Ryals Committee has renewed their investigation into solar panels to be installed on the Parish Hall roof. Alexa McKerrow and Meg McCann recently attended an information session at Church of the Nativity, Raleigh and learned that installation cost can be reduced considerably by a new rebate program. The Vestry was generally interested, but had a number of practical questions. Dan Pearson recommended contacting Dave Kneeburg, a member of the congregation with relevant professional expertise.

Second Quarter Strategic Plan Reports Marjorie Miller asked that vestry members provide their reports by Wednesday, June 13 using the template that she has provided. Bob Walker noted that the Strategic Plan will be the June 24 Adult Education topic and asked that reports be organized to advance preparations for that presentation.

Convention Delegates Bynum Walter reported that St. Philip’s has three openings for delegates and two alternates to Diocesan Convention, as well as an opportunity to suggest a youth delegate for the Durham Convocation. One member of the congregation has expressed interest to-date. Kirk Royal and Callie Woods expressed interest in serving.

Junior Warden’s Report (see Dropbox) Glenn Walters reported that he has organized a Buildings and Grounds Committee comprising Dan Pearson, Robert Hallyburton, Joe Chambliss, Adam McClellan, and Ken Gasch. Callie Woods expressed concern about the lack of diversity among the members of the committee as organized. Kirk Royal volunteered to help Glenn with a general call for interest to the congregation to recruit a more diverse membership.

The committee will be discussing the pew cushion question during the summer months. Glenn noted that Noral Stewart, an acoustical consultant, has opined that pew cushions

do not impact acoustics in a church. Four members of the vestry noted that they had heard enthusiasm or concerns from members of the congregation.

Senior Warden's Report (See Dropbox) Bob presented the results of the Mutual Ministry Review. Overall, he felt like the results were very positive. The vestry discussed the review. Pamela Njai spoke about her experience participating in a role playing exercise at the Bread for the World Conference earlier this year; Alec and Bob suggest that this might be incorporated into the 2019 vestry retreat. The vestry discussed the strategic plan vision tracker organizer and associated quarterly reports; Liz DeGaynor suggested, and the vestry agreed by consensus to leave the task of summarizing to the to committee and task force reports and to focus committee and task force presentations on points of discussion for the vestry.

Bob also reported that about 15 people participated in St. Philip's Connects event held last night at the church. The event was well-received and succeeded in helping these individuals better connect with ministries of interest to them.

Bob noted that as follow up to the 2018 Annual Meeting the vestry will provide a Strategic Plan update during the June 24 Adult Education hour. He suggested that the format will be similar to what the vestry reviewed during its retreat earlier this year. He will present information about the context and structure of the Strategic Plan asked that committee and task force liaisons each prepare a brief 3-4 minute presentation.

Rector's Report (See Dropbox) Jonah presented his report; no action required.

Dismissal and Adjournment Jonah and Sally reviewed pastoral concerns and she offered a closing prayer. The Rector adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bynum Walter, Clerk