

Vestry Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2017

Attending: Fr. Guy Hawtin, Fr. Mike Kerouac; Paul Douglas ; Gordon Turner; Brock Johnson; John Karlsen; Bill Hawkins; Peter Threadgill (by phone); Brice Richardson;; Dick Huffman; Pricilla Huffman; John Woodall; Deacon Dan Bursi

Call to Order - Opened with prayers at 7:09 PM. Quorum established.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

1. Minutes distributed. Revisions made
2. Motion to accept as revised was seconded and passed

Treasurer's Report: (Bill Hawkins).

1. No change from last month. Pledge income still down by \$31K +. Hard to make payroll. Have had to remove \$5K from reserves for last 3 months to make payroll. Running a 15% deficit each month
2. Problem will not go away until we increase income and/or reduce expenses. Bill pleaded for help from the vestry for solving this problem.
3. Discussion of taking care of choir expenses through endowment or grants. Fr. Mike to prepare report on this subject. To be a long term solution, not immediate.
4. Discussion on increasing income:
 - a. Appeals – Guy will make appeals through upcoming State of the Parish letter to all congregants and at annual Parish Meeting.
 - b. Canvassing – Subcommittee of Fr. Mike and Brice to explore options
 - c. Grants – Fr. Mike to prepare report about grants and who may be best to write the requests.
 - d. Other – Fund raising for specific projects.
 - e. Increasing Pledges by 10- 15% needed- As a show of resolve and by unanimous vote, the entire Vestry voted to increase their pledges by 10%

Rector's Report (Fr. Hawtin):

1. Attendance Report not available at this time but Fr. Guy believes that attendance is slightly above last year.
2. FR. Ludwig suffered heart attack and is in ICU at Rochester General Hospital. No prognoses is known at this time. May send mail or try to contact on Facebook.
3. Minutes to be emailed to all vestry and clergy and as well as any other attendees.

Rector's Warden Report: (Fr Guy) – Nothing new on adjacent property

People's Warden Report (Bill Hawkins) ;

1. Loose pews have been repaired.
2. Two (maybe 3) kneelers are being replaced for existing storage.
3. Smell in church behind organ investigated and no smell was found or any cause for same.

Parish Life Committee Report (Dick & Pricilla Huffman)

1. No meeting in Decvember
2. Co-chairpersons Pricilla and Colby are now doing planning and rounding up volunteers
3. Looking into better times to have Parish Life meeting so more can attend.
4. Looking into different formats, times etc. for Summer Suppers.

Sunday School Committee Report

1. Alan Gushue has been catechized and is ready for confirmation.
2. Brock Johnson to give Guy report on the Bible and Theology classes being taught.

Grounds Committee Report

1. Flowers that were planted were eaten by deer..
2. Scott will pick up any donated plants

Stewardship. Memorials – No Report

Construction Committees (Bill Hawkins)

1. Bill and Dan to meet with architect Tuesday Sept 26 to discuss Sunday school addition.

Old Business:

1. Acoustic survey for church has not been done yet but there is hope that it may get off to a start next week.

New Business:

1. Need Reader for Oct. 4 Evening Prayer service. Fr. Guy or other to fill in.

Call to Close at 8:08 - . Moved, seconded and passed.

Recorder - Deacon Dan Bursi