

Vestry Minutes for April 19, 2015

Meeting was opened in prayer by Mike Rhodes.

Those in attendance: Mother Barbara, Mother Betsy, Deacon Carenda, Mike Rhodes, Jennifer Morehouse, Tom Briggs, Shelbie D'Annibale, Tim Hawkins, Bill Gawors, Beth Hagan, David Luo, Mike Stitt.

Members absent: Jim Smith, Melisa Dotson, Cindy Stitt (Treasurer), DottySue Ott (Secretary)

The following subjects were open for discussion:

- The Mission Statement is to be put in the by-laws. A copy of the by-laws was needed so a discussion will continue next month. We will rework the committees which are to be included and the committee involvement of the Senior and Junior Wardens.
- Discussion for a Youth Coordinator. Looking for person or persons to provide leadership to middle school, high school and youth. Tim Hawkins offered to pull the group together to brainstorm ideas and to bring a report to our next meeting.
- PLC Committee doubled in members and have planned great events. Three events are already defined.
- Barbara proposed three resolutions.
 1. The Vestry will commit to honoring the promise to The Episcopal Home to donate \$1,000.00 per year for five years. We have already made payments in 2013 and 2014. Approved by vestry.
 2. Library, Sunday school and PLC expenses were discussed. A list was given to the vestry of the expenses which could be covered by designated funds. Approval of the transfer of funds from the endowment accounts was requested in order for there to be transparency of designated funds to cover items for the right purpose only using the interest. Motion was David and Bill. Resolution passed.
 3. Proposal on Quick Books. An outside firm was contacted to develop a chart accounts that matches our needs to have “jobs” that attach income and expenses to particular events or money streams. An accountant will come in for training sessions. There is a cost involved that could be pulled from the IT fund but would need approval. Approval to spend money from the general operating fund for this work and training was passed but approval is still needed to transfer the funds from the IT account.
- Outreach Report from Mother Betsy. The Outreach has formed a Vision Statement which makes the outreach a ministry of the parish, not a committee. An outline of outreach events for 2015 was presented. Leadership is still needed for the July 4th Carnival.
- The vestry members endorsed Deacon Carenda for Ordination to the Priesthood. Approval and signatures were obtained by members in attendance. Remaining vestry members (Jim Smith, Melisa Dotson) and Vestry Clerk will be asked for their signatures to complete the form.
- Flock Note was discussed by Mike Rhodes as a way to reach people in the event of an emergency and also for other communication purposes. Mike has been running a trial for

the vestry. Tom Briggs and Mike Rhodes will have a conversation around this topic and come back with a recommendation to the vestry.

- Jennifer discussed a pictorial directory for the church. Jan Smith would be willing to do this work this summer.
- Color scheme for the flooring was discuss. Everyone was pleased with the choices.
- The recording of this vestry meeting will be shared with DottySue by Mother Betsy so the minutes can be prepared.
- The next Vestry meeting will be held on May 17th. There will also be a vestry party at the home of Mother Barbara on May 22, 2015.
- Meeting Recap:
 - There were three resolutions passed regarding financial decisions.
 - Tim Hawkins will pull together a meeting of the Youth Coordinator Task Force and present a plan at our next meeting.
 - Tom Briggs and Mike Rhodes will talk regarding Flock Note and alternatives Tom could offer.
 - Further work will happen on the bylaws, clearing up which committees we will have as “standing committee” and reworking the information on the role of the Senior and Junior Wardens.
- The meeting was closed in prayer by Mother Barbara.