

St. John's Episcopal Church, Sharon, PA
Vestry Meeting Minutes—June 11, 2018 - Corrected

Present: Robert Barletta, Nick Baron, Keith Rowlands, Al Seladi, Donna Stamoolis, Fr. Adam Trambley, Matthew Wertz. **Absent:** Linda Houk, Frank O'Stafy.

Staff present: Ron Gracilla, Music Director.

Evening Prayer: Vestry met in All Saint's Chapel for Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m.

Business Meeting: Vestry reconvened in the Upstairs Dining Room at 7:25 p.m.

Minutes: Presented minutes of May 14, 2018. Motion made to approve the minutes made by Nick Baron. Keith Rowlands seconded. Passed.

Financial Topics:

Treasurer's Report: The balance sheet *Statement of Financial Position* and financial reviews *Budget Year to Date Reports* for two time periods were distributed; May 1-31 and Jan 1-May 31 along with a *Statement of Activities* report for the current fiscal year. Pledge income continues to be a little down. There was some discussion regarding the amount of expense for Gas so far this year. This was possibly due to the cold weather we experienced in late winter and early spring. Donna Stamoolis moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Al Seladi. Passed.

Nick Baron, Treasurer, reported on the current situation with the funds at Regency Finance. Following the approval of last month's Vestry Meeting to remove all but \$50,000 from this account, Bob Edeburn and Nick Baron went to Regency Finance to withdraw the funds. Current balance on the account was \$268,725.69. They were informed that the requirement now is that \$100,000 must be kept on deposit to earn the 1.75% dividend, not \$50,000. They did withdraw all but \$100,000. Options were discussed and Nick will look into opening a Vanguard account which may earn more interest and we will be able to deposit the \$50,000 into that account. We would then close the Regency Finance account and move the other \$50,000 into the PNC Unrestricted Operating Reserve account as originally planned.

Fr. Adam reported that we received two bequests. Lois Tamplin bequeathed \$500 to the Music Fund designating the funds for guest musicians. Also, the church will receive 10% of her estate. Catherine Richards bequeathed 10% of her estate to the church. The amount of these bequests will be determined at a future date.

Fr. Adam notified Vestry that St. John's is due for an audit which is done on an annual basis. The Diocese has offered to provide a team to perform this service. After a short discussion it was decided that Fr. Adam will request the Audit be completed by the Diocese.

Facilities Topics:

Al Seladi reported that the problem has not yet been diagnosed for the problem with the heat in the lounge. He and Frank O'Stafy did look at it and there may be a part needed for the pump. The system for that area has been shut down as a temporary fix for the problem as heat will not be needed until fall. It was suggested we take a proactive approach and not wait until cold weather for repair. Nick Baron

referred a name to Fr. Adam. Tom Misko and family work on heating and cooling among other contracted work and are a reliable family business in the area. Fr. Adam will provide name and number to Tina for follow-up and inquire whether system will have to be turned back on for diagnosis.

A problem with one set of exterior doors to Allen Hall was reported. Not locking fully, was able to tug and pull open. Al reported that he was able to oil from the top of the door system and that apparently freed up latch as the doors are properly locking now.

Fr. Adam reported that Laura Peretic and her crew plan to paint the two upstairs classrooms, church will pay for paint supplies.

Fr. Adam did follow-up on a safety problem in the back of the church, a large step into area of Columbarium. He had Eric Hetson an 8:00 a. m. parishioner who does some blacksmithing; consider designing and installing a handrail. Eric agreed and is now working on the project.

Musical Scholars Program Discussion

Fr. Adam presented a new idea for a program here at St. John's. The full proposal is attached to these minutes. The primary goal of this program is to pass on the Christian faith to the next generation. The basic idea for the *St. John's Musical Scholar Program* is to recruit 12-30 high school students who will then be able to earn funds by making a commitment to attend a weekday choir rehearsal, Sunday morning choir rehearsal, Sunday morning worship, and an hour of Christian formation and discipleship programming (5 hours/week total). After a thorough discussion by Vestry and questions answered by Fr. Adam and Ron Gracilla, Music Director.

A motion was made to adopt this program by Robert Barletta, seconded by Al Seladi. Unanimously approved.

Choir Resolution for Vestry and Diocesan Convention on the "Loie"

Note: Full Resolution is attached to these minutes.

Fr. Adam presented and read the Resolution which Ron Gracilla, Music Director was able to follow with answers to Vestry's questions. The resolution encourages that when Welsh hymns, especially "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" are sung in this Diocese, that the reprise of the last phrase during the singing of the final verse of these hymns shall be titled and referred to as a "Loie".

Nick Baron motioned to approve this resolution, seconded by Robert Barletta. Passed.

The Resolution will be presented to Diocesan Convention this fall (Oct 25-27).

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. made by Donna Stamoolis seconded by Robert Barletta. Passed.

Next Meeting:

The next Vestry meeting date is to be determined. Fr. Adam will at General Convention during the next regularly scheduled meeting. Members will be notified of possible dates for next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Stamoolis
Clerk