

St. John's Episcopal Church, Sharon, PA
Vestry Minutes
May 9, 2016

Present: Madge Tamber, Bob Verholek, Barb Lipinski, Keith Rowlands, Adam Trambley, Al Seladi, Gary Funderlich, Tracy Schliep

Absent: Curt Myers Guests: Matt Ciszek, Spencer Ference

Vestry met in the All Saint's Chapel at 7:00 pm, Monday, May 9, 2016 for evening prayer.

Vestry reconvened in the upstairs dining room at 7:20 pm.

A motion was made by Funderlich to approve the April 11, 2016 vestry minutes. Second by Seladi. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report was reviewed and discussed. A parishioner who has given quarterly is now going to be making an annual contribution, this is reflected in a lower pledge income for the month. Tina, the secretary, will now be receiving health care benefit from the church due to her husband's retirement. This will increase staff benefit expenses by about \$800/month. However, overall, finances are still very good. Motion to accept Funderlich, second Tamber. Motion passed unanimously.

Junior warden, reported on a variety of projects including landscaping around Allen Hall, the sign and front of building. Picnic tables have been placed on the Irvine Avenue side and are in use. There is an electrical problem under the altar which will require an electrician. There is also an extensive list of items to be prioritized including: handrails in ECS, toilet rails in Allen Hall, ramp heaters, carillon room wiring and glazing of windows, kitchen cleaning and the catch basins.

Matt Ciszek presented a letter on the *New People Workshop*. The goal of the training is to help St. John's become a church that is growing numerically. Growing churches have primarily been successful by reintroducing themselves to the community. Examples of this reintroduction were presented and discussed. The attending team developed a six-month action plan and will be meeting to discuss implementation.

A donation has been made to replace the sign used to advertise events such as the rummage sale with a newer, more current sign.

As Convener of the Acts8 Movement, which is a national church committee, Fr. Trambley asked to allow St. John's to be the receiver of funds. These funds would be held in a separate account. Motion to approve made by Rowlands, seconded by Funderlich. Motion passed unanimously.

150th Anniversary/Pentecost event is planned. Ron Garcilla has a string quartet and brass scheduled. Invitations have been mailed and are slowly being returned. There will be Evensong on September 18 which will include the diocese and other parishes.

Fr. Trambley reported 6 parish funerals since March 17. The NCD survey has been completed and mailed. People have been sending him ideas concerning pew removal so action on enhanced access seating will be discussed at the next meeting. Dates for vacation Bible school are still being finalized. The softball team begins games on Tuesday 5/17. We are need of a nursery attendant for Sunday mornings. He will be at Virginia Seminary June 20-July 8. He also has vacation from July 24-July 30. Martin Roth will be officiating for two Sundays, he is still looking at the other two Sundays.

There will be a summer small group study on "Making Life Count" from June 1 - August 3. Class will be 7:00-8:00 followed by contemplative prayer or compline at 8:15.

Spencer Ference presented his Eagle Scout proposal. There will be a flagpole erected outside Allen Hall. Motion to approve pending permits by Tamber, second by Verholek. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn at 9:14 made by Rowlands, second by Funderlich. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Lipinski, Clerk