



Vestry Minutes—January 2017

Present: Bill Eckel, Lina Dobbs, John Boris, Jeffery Chiow, Bill Malone, Fr. Robert Malm, Jan Wolff, Rich Kelly, Lorna Worley, Jennifer Long, Chris Rugaber, Mo. Leslie Steffensen, Jenni Faires, Kelly Gable, Easter Thompson

Call to Order

Fr. Malm called the vestry meeting to order at 7:15 pm. The December 2016 vestry minutes were approved.

Stewardship Update

Chris Rugaber offered an update on stewardship, noting that pledges were stronger so far compared to 2016 at the same time. The average pledge has increased compared to 2016 as well. He commented that the parish should look into enhanced electronic giving solutions. During discussion, it was mentioned that some parishes use a kiosk that offer electronic giving as well as signups for ministry. Vestry members also agreed that the Vanco system was outdated and that a replacement should be sought.

Vestry Elections

Bill Eckel informed the vestry of the 9 parish members standing for election at the annual meeting: Fred Saalfeld, Cindy Diehl, Jean Read, Kelly Gable, Kirk McPike, Mary Stewart, Chris Kupzyk, Jennifer Pease, and Ashby Rushing. Vestry members will win terms based on plurality of votes, with the top five serving 3-year terms, and so on. The vestry has the ability under canon law to elect alternates if needed. Bill Eckel moved that the these 9 candidates be presented to the parish for election as the slate and that alternates not be chosen at the election. The vestry approved unanimously.

2017 Budget

John Boris presented an updated version of the 2017 budget. He noted that the parish ended 2016 with a small deficit of approximately \$28,000.

Jeffery Chiow commented that the parish ended the year with a balance of approximately \$10,300 in the capital improvements account. In reviewing 2016 expenses, it was noted that the HVAC system had one bill in September that covered repairs equivalent to a capital improvement, and this repair also enabled the parish to delay purchasing a new system. Jeffery moved that \$9254.67 be taken from the capital improvements fund toward that bill, leaving a balance of \$1032.29 in the capital improvements fund. The vestry voted to approve this action.

Move that we designate from capital improvements to pay \$9254.67. Would leave balance in capital improvements balance of 1032.29.

John Boris commented that with that change, the deficit for 2016 would be \$18699.97, and recommended that the vestry take such funds from management reserve to cover this deficit. In addition, with positive results from the pledge campaign, it was suggested that budgeted income for 2017 be increased by \$3,900 to balance the 2017 budget. The vestry passed these motions and approved the amended 2017 budget.

Senior Warden's Report

Bill Eckel updated the vestry about a recent property donation of a condo. The sale should close soon. The executive committee recommends that the property sale proceeds be moved to the Grace Trust. The vestry voted unanimously to approve that the property sale proceeds be deposited in the Trust. Bill also thanked the vestry for their hard work in 2016 and for the honor of being able to serve as senior warden.

Junior Warden's Report

Jeffery Chiow informed the vestry that several new contracts are now in place for maintenance, including the elevator, for which the new contract is less expensive and is not so lengthy. In addition, plans are in place to form a small committee that will make recommendations on how to recommend both the request to the Trust for capital improvement funds and for a possible capital campaign, and to have an orderly method for dealing with aging HVAC systems. This group would be Jeff, Rick Eudy, and Christine Hess.

Roundtable

Jeff Chiow: It has been a quick 3 years on the vestry. It has been exciting to see Trust grow these 3 years.

Lina: vestry has been a wonderful experience, and I know Grace will be in great hands.

Judy: I will be non-vestry chair of mission/outreach, thank you for this vestry opportunity.

Jenni: your time is well spent and you do really good work.

Mo. Leslie: For the Chili Bowl, so far we have 10 teams. Also we still need help for hypothermia shelter shifts.

Easter: I feel so privileged to be on this vestry it was an amazing experience. Loved Mo. Leslie's outreach and creativity and thanks her.

Jan: Thank you to the leaving senior class for your service.

Kelly: Youth will sell hoagies February 5.

Rich: July 9 is the day the missionaries leave.