

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Vestry Minutes - May 16, 2017

Present: John Boris, Jenni Faires, Kelly Gable, Rich Kelly, Chris Kupczyk, Fr. Malm, Jennifer Pease, Jean Reed, Chris Rugaber, Ashby Rushing, Jan Wolff and Lorna Worley.

Call to Order

Fr. Malm called the vestry meeting to order at 7:15 P.M. The April 18, 2017 minutes were approved as amended.

Report from Grace Episcopal School

Patti Culbreth, Head of School and John Berry, School Board Chair, were present to give the school report. They thanked the church for their assistance during the preparation for the VAIS team's visit.

Invited all to attend next Friday's Chapel, Tea and Spring Program. The proceeds from this event go to scholarships.

Graduation is on June 7th at 9 A.M.

The school will hold two week long summer camps.

The Baroody camps will use school and church facilities for two months. Money from these camps will be used to upgrade school and church facilities.

The school is installing four additional commercial toilets. Additionally, they are completing maintenance on the amphitheater steps.

The building passed the water quality test necessary before the VAIS visit.

A video entitled "Begin With Grace," photographed by Nikolai Karamyshev, was shown. It will be added to the website.

Fred Saalfeld asked if we track data re curriculum, testing, etc., and also follow former students? Patti felt we should do more in this area.

New school board members for next school year are: Nancy Lorentz, Jason Lindsay and Suzanne O'Malley.

There will be a new board orientation in July. An off-site retreat is scheduled for September.

Capital improvements will be centered around the turf field and the HVAC system.

Outreach

Jennifer Pease provided a very comprehensive written report. The outreach budget is \$32,000. They have updated the pew brochures.

Jennifer Long and her daughter Sasha are involved with the outreach committee. Sasha is working on recipe cards for the food bank. She is adding ways to cook the food we give out and assessing the types of foods we want to offer in the food bank.

A proposal has been submitted for grant money. We received the donation of a computer from the Capital Area Food Bank.

Christ Church is supporting 15 families in their refugee program. The outreach committee will look at how we can contribute. There should be some funding for this program.

There have been joint meetings with BHUMC to discuss how we can share programs.

Jennifer feels the committee is very active and energized. Fred wanted to know what is the objective/focus? Jennifer emphasized they are doing feel good programs for the community. Fr. Malm mentioned that outreach has 20 programs, 10 of which are long standing. He feels these programs bring people into the church, bringing new energy. Outreach is the only church project where we are ecumenically involved.

Chris Rugaber asked what outreach would do with additional funds? Jennifer wants to consult with Mother Belanger and see what programs she wants to support. She has a new appreciation for what is important to the community.

Rich Kelly mentioned that EYC is planning a mission trip this year.

Chris Kupczyk said his experience is that you can never do enough.

Kelly Gable added that during the summer we can bring fresh produce for the food pantry.

Volunteer Recruitment

Lorna Worley says the food pantry and meals on wheels need volunteers. The choir also needs additional memb

Signup Sunday

Jenni Faires says the mission of Signup Sunday is to recruit and train new volunteers during the summer. We will keep the signup set during the Newcomer's Reception. Jean Reed hopes some program coordinators will attend the reception.

Jean also asked that the vestry approve a yard sale to be held by La Gracia sometime in July. Lorna made a motion, second by John Boris to allow the July sale. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer

John reported that the pledge money is currently okay.

April was a very good month; however, we are approaching the summer months.

Jr. Warden

Rich submitted a written report. He is looking at an old HVAC study to compare recommendations. He is unsure of the phasing of a new system. He has asked vestry members to ponder over this month how we would pay for a new system.

Holes are being plugged where birds are nesting.

Rich thanked Frank Waskowicz for painting the new arrows in the parking lot.

Fr. Malm and John will meet with the trustees to see how much we could take out of the trust.

Rich feels that his request asking that if you see something say something is working.

Sr. Warden

There is an Evensong scheduled for May 28th at 5 P.M. Children's Choir only.

Take the Easter lilies and azaleas before this weekend.

Rector

The Executive Committee will meet on June 6th.

The Vestry will meet on June 13th.

Youth Sunday and Teacher Appreciation Sunday will be May 21st during forum.

Matt and Lucy Tsietter will have their baby baptized on May 28th.

Nikolai's video of a baptism will be on the website.

Many thanks to the auction team.

Celebration for Father Klemmt will be following the 10 A.M. service on June 25th.

Roundtable

The choirs and La Gracia are very thankful for Lynette's participation.

Jean - Appreciates new signups and would like all to participate. Excited about Evangelism. Good results have been contributed by various members.

Chris K. -Plans to hold a June Worship meeting.

Fred - Thought the video of the school was very useful. He thinks we should do the same with other programs.

Ashby -Thanks for all the auction donations. Very thankful for the White's food donation. Fellowship going well. Rich and Lucy Lee Reed are great mentors.

Kelly - EYC mission trip to New Jersey will be July 9 - 15.

Jan - On behalf of the school thanked Rich for all his efforts to assist in getting prepared for VAIS.

Jean - Saturday, June 24th there will be a Stewardship and Church Vitality workshop in Herndon.

Jenni - Come and thank the Sunday School Teachers on Sunday. Bible School will be June 26 - 30 at Christ Church. Registration ends June 1st. TNT will be holding a gathering at the Evening Star Cafe. There are great photos on the web page. Would like to see audio of sermons.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer at 9:20 P.M.