



VESTRY MEETING MINUTES  
September 19, 2017

**Present:** John Boris, William Campbell, Cindy Diehl, Mother Fanny, Jenni Faires, Rich Kelly, Chris Kupczyk, Jennifer Long, Jennifer Pease, Jean Reed, Ashby Rushing, Chris Rugaber, Fred Saalfeld, Jan Wolff, and Lorna Worley

**Call To Order**

Lorna Worley (Sr. Warden), called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. with a prayer.

**Old Business**

The July 18, 2017 minutes were approved as written.

Ashby reported that plans have been made for the reception following the Regional Confirmation Service at 4:00 on Sunday, September 24th. She needs members attending to bring a savory. Members of the choir from Resurrection will sing with the Grace choir.

**New Business**

Jennifer Pease wanted to clarify how we get groups on the schedule for forums. Forums are approved by Jenni Faires. The schedule for 2017 is pretty full, however, there is flexibility in the schedule for 2018.

Cindy Diehl explained the relationship that Grace Church has with the Tanzania Hospital. Ashby felt we needed to have better coordination on the Tanzania evening. Jenni will send an e-mail with more information. Jean reminded that Amy needed to be aware for the schedule.

**Stewardship Fiesta.** The fiesta is scheduled for September 30th at 6 p.m. The White family will be catering and Jay Legere is making his famous salsa. The entertainment will be a game of Cahoot where guests can use their smart phones to answer questions. There will not be child care. Judy Willard is making new pledge cards. There will be an ingathering later in October.

The vestry goal for the stewardship campaign is \$900,000 and 260 pledging units. Chris will ask members from different church groups to speak at services. The average pledge for 2017 was \$3,358.

Chris is working on a pledge statement that members of the vestry will sign.

**Legacy Society.** Mary Hix and Mary Stewart are working on a one page proposal. The vestry will approve the establishment of this group whose goal is to have church members give a portion of their estate to the church. The focus is on planned giving. The money will go into the Grace Church trust. There will be a yearly dinner to recognize those who give. Julie Simonton will speak on this issue at a

forum in 2018. Jean Reed moved to adopt the changes to the new society. It was second by Chris Rugaber and passed unanimously.

### **Reports.**

**Treasurer.** Even though August was not a good month, at two thirds of the way through the year 63% of pledges have been paid. Non-pledge income is very good. The trust continues to grow at \$971,000. John explained the budget process. There will be a first look in November and again in December with a budget commitment in January. He has requested that groups let him know their budget numbers for 2018 by the end of October.

**Jr. Warden.** Rich requested vestry approval to change Beth's title from Bookkeeper to Financial Administrator. It was second by Lorna and passed unanimously. He has replaced the key pad by the front door. The new water fountain is completed. He is working on getting the HVAC moving forward. The School is paying to replace the blinds in Merrow Hall. Dripping faucets have been fixed. Jean mentioned that four of the doors along I95 need to be touched up.

**Sr. Warden.** Held a brief discussion on Father Malm's anniversary dates occurring in 2018.

### **ROUNDTABLE**

Jean - Mentioned that there are many upcoming events to draw people in -- the Fiesta, Art on the Avenue and the Blessing of the Animals.

Rich - Wanted to thank all who contributed to a good Shrine Mont.

Jenni - Reminded all to read the reflections written by the J2A youth in Grace Notes. Don't forget the food pantry donations. Especially needed are toothbrushes, diapers, peanut butter, and plastic bags. She is coordinating a children's coffee hour before Sunday school. It will last 10 minutes. Need program coordinators to host youth dinners. First dinner is November 5. Would like those who volunteer to stay and speak with the children. Explained Trunk or Treat which will be held, along with La Gracia on October 28th from 4 - 5:30 pm for Grace children and neighborhood children.

Jennifer P. - Is there Diocesan Relief Development? Need better instructions.

Chris K. - Was asked why only LEMS read prayers of the people? A non-LEM may also read.

Jean - Art on the Avenue being planned at a meeting at 10 this Saturday. There will be children and adult events. Thanks for all who were involved in the ministry fair.