

## GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### Vestry Minutes - September 18, 2018

**Present:** Khacki Berry, Anne Caputo, Jonathan Doelp, Jenni Faires, Rich Kelly, Chris Kupczyk, Jennifer Long, Stephen Lovell, Father Malm, Jean Reed, Jennifer Pease, Chris Rugaber, Mary Stewart, Laura Weidenfeld and Jan Wolff.

#### Call to Order

Father Malm opened the meeting at 7:15 with a prayer.

#### Old Business

The July 17, 2018 minutes were approved as amended.

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**Windows.** Chris Kupczyk explained that there is an option to take an image of the windows in the Nave and mount the image on plexiglass. It would remain in the window for up to a year while the original is being refurbished. The forum on Oct 7th will be an opportunity for Chris to explain procedures and options for updating the windows. The forum will be held in the Nave. Laura Weidenfeld asked if there were other options, other than the plexiglass, for the year the windows would be removed. Only other option is plywood. The vestry entered into a discussion of the possible options that might be available to fund this effort. Father Malm mentioned that we need to have a good plan going forward with this project.

**Bells.** Richard Newman has ordered the bells and they have been paid for by Michael Heintz, who is aware of where we are with this project. They should arrive early in October. The controls for the bells will be held in the sacristy. The bell company will work with us on the installation. Jean Reed was wondering if there would be a speaker in each quadrant and we don't have that answer to date. Father Malm wants to dedicate the bells after they are installed when Michael can be available.

#### New Business

**Seminarians.** Both of our seminarians were unavailable to attend this meeting. Stephanie Reed will head the lay committee for Ashley and Chad Echols will head the lay committee for Matthew.

**Discernment.** Jeremy Koss is planning to attend our October meeting to ask for vestry support as he goes forward.

**Grace School Fence Proposal.** Patti Culbreth and John Berry thanked the vestry for considering the school's proposal to complete the current fence and enclose the remainder of the area used by the students. She had previously sent a proposal and picture of the area to be fenced to all vestry members. It will be a chain link fence in the wooded area and the remainder of the area will match what is currently on the left side of the field. Safety is the most important reason for making this change, There

is also significant trespassing and vandalism when school is not in session. The school has spent \$25,000 on a water abatement project. The area the altar guild uses and the meditation area will be outside the fence. The vestry had many questions and concerns that Patti answered to their satisfaction. The additional fencing will cost approximately \$10,000. The vestry unanimously voted to approve the proposal by the school once the area is marked to the satisfaction of the Head of School, Rector and Jr. and Sr. Wardens.

## **Reports**

**Treasurer.** The budget is slightly ahead on expenses. The pledges made in July and August bring us to 60% of the pledges made for the year. Non-pledged amounts are down slightly and that may be because of the change to Tithly. Due to the numbers used for the current budget, we are running a \$39,000 deficit. Maintenance has been very high. There was no air on the second floor for most of the summer. That cost was \$2,000 to repair. Father Malm mentioned that the three singers that were brought on by Richard Newman for the choir are being paid from the money contributed by Michael Heintz.

**Jr. Warden.** Six of the eight units in Merrow Hall are blowing only air. There is water from insulation dripping into the classrooms. The on-going cold water issue in the kitchen cost \$350. The sound system needs to be upgraded but is currently fixed. There are treads on the steps that need to be repaired. Could be a mission project for EYC. Repairs to air handler #2 will be \$2,000.

**Sr. Warden.** Jonathan Doelp asked if contracts had gone out for the HVAC project? Rich Kelly is planning to have four or five companies come and walk through all that the HVAC project would involve. A contract should be awarded before the end of the year. Father Malm mentioned that we change to heat in the building in early November. Rich mentioned that Grace Church raises good kids!

**Rector.** Three of the weeks that Father Malm was away this summer he presided at St. Philip's in Massachusetts on Sundays. In addition to Julie Rodriquez and Jeremy Koss, Emily Somers is also considering going through the discernment process. Father Pedro started with La Gracia on September 9th and will be with us until early January and possibly extend. Father Malm will be with La Gracia every four or five weeks. The Personnel Committee met with Father Malm and the search for a new assistant will begin after the first of the year. Marta Conway, who was ordained by the Bishop of the Armed Services may serve with us as a deacon during the next six months. Father Malm thanked Rich and Jenni Faires for all they did during Mother Belanger's farewell. She resigned for personal reasons. A few things that Father Malm would like to see happen. Build young families. Build the trust. Finish the HVAC project. End legal issues with former parishioner. Support J2A year and a stewardship legacy. There are seven new kneelers being finished for the high altar. We will celebrate our 70th Anniversary on Friday, November 16th in Merrow Hall from 6:30 - 8:30.

## **ROUNDTABLE**

Jennifer Pease - Sally Schneider has retired from doing holiday baskets. We need volunteers to do Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets and to support other food programs. Looking to Jenni and Rich for ideas.

Mary Stewart - The Legacy Pamphlet is great. We need to have ways of talking to those who might support. Likes the bonds we are creating with the school.

Jean Reed - Thanks to those who worked on Sign--Up Sunday. Art on the Avenue is on Oct 6th We need all volunteers. October 7 will be the Blessing of the Animals.

Chris Kupczyk - Just attended his 30th high school reunion which he enjoyed.

Laura Weidenfeld - Thanked Anne for shadowing her for lockup.

Jennifer Long - Thanked the vestry for the fence support and the support for the school off-sight.

Stephen Lovell - Has scheduled the first Stewardship meeting.

Jonathan Doelp - Budgeting for 2019 will start next month. Provided loan info.

Khacki Berry - She is helping Jenni organize adult forums. They are looking for interesting people and subjects. Anne Caputo will be giving a tour of interesting things about the church on Sept 30. Conway Zeigler and Evan Robinson will speak on Middle East terrorism in October.

Jenni Faires - Sunday School has started. Those in grades 3 - 6 are getting Bibles. Lots of events coming up. October 7 is the first youth dinner.

Rich Kelly -Thanks to all for a great Shrine Mont. Char did a great job with the cards.

The meeting ended at 9:30 p.m. with a prayer.





