

St. Stephen's Vestry Minutes

October 14, 2019

Attendees: Scott Armstrong, Dave Eldon, Corinne Fragnoli, Karol Sprague, Jackie Ingersoll, Dave Stein, Ken Fuhr, Miranda Spates, Alan Giles, Pat Wojas, Kathy DeCiantis, the Rev Sharon Voelker, Finance Committee Chairperson-Don Ingersoll, Phil Pierce-Treasurer, Office secretary-Ami O'Neill.

Absent: Justin Wojas,

I. Checking in-Scott Armstrong called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. Vestry members shared something they were grateful for and something they would like prayers for. Kathy said an opening prayer.

II. Approval of Agenda-An Episcopal school and Bishop's Reception were added

III. Consent Calendar-Minutes from previous meeting and Financials reports sent by email

IV. Senior Warden's Report-Scott has talked to Jim at the Diocese about candidates for a Priest-in-Charge. Two candidates were presented to the Bishop and he has selected one of them to be interviewed by our interview committee. Scott outlined the process for hiring a Priest-in-Charge to Mother Sharon.

V. Rector's Report-Mother Sharon has been kept busy with a variety of meetings, home visits, Bible study groups etc. She expressed very positive feelings about her reception here at St. Stephen's.

VI. Old Business:

a. Holy Conversations-Dave Stein reported that the summary of the Holy Conversations has been condensed to 2 pages. A more detailed version called the Long Term Ministry Plan is being developed.

b. Stewardship: The Holy Conversations dove tails into the Stewardship drive. Phil presented the Vestry with a draft version of the 2020 Strategic Ministry Plan which outlined core elements of the plan and strategic objectives along with a one page financial graph. These with a cover letter from Mother Sharon and a pledge card would be in a packet Vestry members would give to parishioners when visiting them in their homes. A productive discussion ensued concerning the strategic objectives. Phil, with the input from the discussion, will revise the handout and email it out to the Vestry for further comment.

c. Several parishioners have volunteered to run for the Vestry in 2020. One more volunteer is needed.

VII. New Business:

a. Committee Roll Call-Skipped

b. Finance Committee Update-Phil reported that we have a large sum of cash sitting in our bank account not making money. He proposed investing it. Alan moved that the Vestry of St. Stephen's, in concurrence with the recommendation of the Finance Committee, hereby grants the Finance Committee authority to invest current cash funds, aka Operating Account (checking) and Restricted/Designated Account (savings) in one or more investment vehicles. Karol seconded the motion and it was carried.

c. Priest in charge-Already discussed

d. Copier-Ami O'Neill, office secretary, presented a quote from Millennium Business Systems for a new copier. They would pay off the rest of the lease on our present copier and store it until the copier has to be returned at the end of its lease in August. The amount per month to lease a Toshiba would be far less than what we are paying now. The Vestry applauded Ami for beginning the process to look for a new copier and although this quote looked good, encouraged her to get another quote from a different company to compare.

e. Freezer-Miranda will investigate buying a used freezer in the near future.

f. Buildings and Grounds-Skipped

g. Episcopal school-A mother from a pre-school at Christ Church Cranbrook, was inquiring if there was any interest in establishing an Episcopal school. Scott suggested putting her in touch with Eric Travis at the Diocese.

h. Bishop's reception-If there is any interest in attending the Bishop's Reception on November 9th, the information is posted on the bulletin board. Scott will be attendin

VIII. Closing Prayer and Dismissal:

Mother Sharon said the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jackie Ingersoll, Clerk