

St. Stephen's Vestry Minutes  
August 13, 2018

The August vestry meeting of St. Stephens Episcopal Church was called to order by the Senior Warden, Scott Armstrong at 7:10PM, on August 13<sup>th</sup>.

In attendance: Senior Warden, Scott Armstrong, Dave Eldon, Corinne Fragnoli, Alan Giles, Richard Kenefic, Rob Redmer, Karol Sprague, Roy Waters, Justin Wojas, Pat Wojas and treasurer Jim Trask. Absent: Jackie Ingersoll

**I. Checking in:**

Scott asked us to reflect and then share something each of us felt thankful.

**II. Approval of agenda and the consent calendar: Both approved.**

**III. Opening prayer:** Scott led us in prayer.

**IV. Senior Warden's Report**

Scott met with the Ladies Who Lunch Bunch and spoke with them about where we are going.

Because of the Bishop's schedule we will probably not receive names for a possible Priest-in-Charge until later this fall. The Bishop is on sabbatical until Labor Day. Convention follows that.

Unity dinner was a big success. The Vestry very much appreciates the initiative and the hours spent putting this together especially Corinne Fragnoli, Steve Fragnoli, Diane Kenefic, Joan Morgan, Cathy O'Brien, Ami O'Neill, Jane Wellman and Mike Wellman.

**V. Mission Focus, transitions**

A. The Interview Committee, which will meet with the potential priest-in-charge, includes Steve Fragnoli, Ken Fuhr, Alan Giles, Alice Moss, Miranda Spates, alternate Joan Morgan.

Motion made by Rob and seconded by Justin to accept this group was passed.

B. Church profile

C. We have clergy for Sundays through March. It was requested that we include priests' bios on our website.

D. Discussion on a part-time youth minister: Concerns include costs, duties, hourly v. weekly wages. Motion to support a part time youth minister was made and passed.

YACYM will give recommendations to vestry.

**VI. Consent calendar** was accepted.

**VII. Old Business**

Pat is interviewing for a new custodial service.

There was discussion and a motion to discontinue one-off rentals. We reminded ourselves that we balance providing a community service to our neighbors while not incurring a financial burden ourselves. Long term contracts will stay as they are. Motion passed. The rent charged to the Needle Guild of Oakland will be raised by 3% to \$1850. Pews are

almost finished and some alter work has been included in this project. Pat thanked those who helped with the clean-up.

### **VIII. New Business**

A .Jim Trask says we have reduced our annual spending and we can afford a full-time priest. We are behind in contributions for the year but still ok. The estimate for a priest-in-charge is roughly \$9000.00 or \$77,000 plus benefits. Sadly, Jim is resigning in January. Vestry should give names of possible treasurers to Don Ingersoll.

B. A Montessori School asked to rent our space for the 2019- 2020 school year. Hours from 7AM to 6PM. After initial discussion, Scott asked us to gather our thoughts and let him know our concerns.

C. Reviewing other contracts: Use of Fellowship Hall. Boy Scouts will continue to use Fellowship Hall free for one week as in past years. Parishioners will be asked for a deposit to be refunded if no costs are incurred by the church.

D. Custodial service verses part-time janitor/ on-site Monitor is under consideration.

### **IX. Coming Events**

Welcome back Sunday is September 9<sup>th</sup>. SOS will be September 23 through September 30. Scott ended with a closing prayer and adjourned the meeting at 9:35.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karol Sprague  
Standing in for Jackie Ingersoll