



# The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist

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## St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church

### Vestry meeting, May 17, 2017

Vestry members present:

Gary Lawrik (18), Louise Frey (17), Barney Lane (18), Michael McNamara (19), Jerry Hudson (17), Sharon Lamando (18) and Alex Donnan (18) were present. Additionally, Father Tom, Chris Myers and Margot Lawrik were present.

The meeting was called to order by Gary Lawrik at 7:00 PM.

Father Tom opened the meeting with an inspirational prayer asking for wisdom and guidance for the vestry.

#### **Review of the minutes of the April 26th, 2017 meeting**

Gary Lawrik asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes.

Louise Frey motioned that minutes be approved as submitted. Alex Donnan seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Tom Sombar reported that with a monthly income of \$15,000.00 it was a very good month. Budget has been strong for several weeks. Jerry Hudson motioned that the minutes be approved as submitted. Michael McNamara seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **Pastor's comments**

Parochial report has been completed and will be filed tomorrow. Average attendance for 2016 has increased from 34 to 41 people. Several Baptisms are scheduled for June.

#### **Correspondence**

No major correspondence.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Property/Long Range Planning**

Alex Donnan fixed the lock on the rear door of the rental property. We are still waiting on the replacement storm door for the front door. The sidewalk repairs and electrical estimates are not forthcoming. Alex is leaving messages - no return calls. Three estimates have been received for the insulation work necessary for the rental property: First State insulation, \$8290.00 less \$1575.00 for the attic; the estimate for the basement is \$3370. Doctor Energy's estimate is \$10458.75 for the attic plus \$2300.00 to seal the ducts; the estimate for the basement is \$6284; Delmarva Insulation, \$7515 for the attic including thermal resistance foam, the estimate for the basement is \$800.00. Alex will talk with Jerry Hudson and the committee members concerning contractor selection. Both the attic and basement are full of the client's storage which must be moved.

### **Landscape Committee**

Scott Kresge presented each member with a copy of his report detailing the plants selected and the expenditures to date. Need to plant 120 plants and do some weeding at the next "weeding party".

### **Service Bulletin/Worship Book/Web page and Facebook**

Chris Myers was not present to report. Gary reported that Chris and Douglas are working on the face book page and web site.

### **Acolytes, Music and Worship**

Father Tom wishes to have black cassocks for the worship leader and acolyte to wear during the Good Friday services. Doris Schrimmer will research the purchases. A worship committee meeting is needed. Father Tom, Chris Myers, Sharon Lamondo and Gary Lawrik are members of this committee.

### **Outreach**

The outreach budget was briefly discussed. The committee is meeting next Sunday. Louise Frey, Paula Anuszewski, Sharon Lamondo, Scott Kresge, and Clara Escobar are members of this committee. Yard sale bake sale had a \$200.00 profit.

### **Alter Guild**

Barney Lane had no report.

## **Sunday School**

Jill Malloy was not present to report. Gary Lawrik reported that the last day of Sunday school is June 11th.

The trip to Hersey Park is scheduled for Monday, August 14th.

## **Publicity & Literature**

Douglas Marshall-Steele was not present to report. Although he is willing to do the work, he does not wish to be the Chairman of this committee.

## **Social Committee**

Kitchen teams will select what will be served each Sunday. Our Fellowship "hour" is stretching to an "hour and a half". There are no special events scheduled during the summer.

## **Old Business**

### **Town Yard Sale**

Alex Donnan reported that there was a good turn-out. Tom Sombar estimated a \$1831.00 gross, with \$94.00 in expenses covered by the income. Tom donated approximately half of the expenses. Scot Kresge stated that sufficient volunteers/coverage were available for the morning shift. Additional people were needed for the breakdown and closing.

### **Membership Pictorial Directory**

Olin Mills directory does not cost the church - their profit comes from sales to parishioners. The pros and cons were discussed. Father Tom discussed his favorable experiences with Olin Mills. A committee should be formed - Douglas Marshall-Steele, Corey Marshall-Steele and Chris Myers will be on this committee to do further research.

### **Wharton Street Property**

Gary Lawrik received an e-mail from Richard Herra (Board of Trustees) asking what our plans were for the property.

## **New Business**

### **Original Consecration Document**

Cory Marshall-Steele is having the original document evaluated and a report written. Michael McNamara motioned that the vestry approve the cost of \$125.00 for the evaluation. Sharon

Lamondo seconded the motion. It was suggested that perhaps Cory could come to the next meeting to explain the process.

### **Church security**

Alex Donnan reported that lights have been left on, the front door left unlocked; HVAC not adjusted properly, etc. Gary asked Michael McNamara to send an email to all ushers explaining their responsibility for locking the doors. All reports should go to Alex Donnan.

### **New Bishop**

Diocese Net - very informative. It publishes lists of trips and activities of each church. There is a biography on "The Petitions for Candidates" for the next bishop. There is a link to this on our web page.

The election for the new bishop will be held on July 15th. A "Walk about" to meet all the candidates for bishop will be on June 29th at St. Peters. Ray and Anne Jung are St. John's representatives.

Alex Donnan motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Sharon Lamondo seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margot Lawrik

**The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 21, 2017**