



The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist

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Vestry meeting, March 9, 2017

Vestry members present:

Gary Lawrik (18), Louise Frey (17), Barney Lane (18), Michael McNamara (19), Jerry Hudson (17) and Alex Donnan (17) were present. Sharon Lamando (18) and Tom Sombar were not present. Additionally, Father Tom, Scott Kresge, Ray Jung 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 guidance for the vestry.

Review of the minutes of the January 18, 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 was not present to present a report.

Pastor's comments

Shared his ideas for goals and wished to add the goal of having each committee meet every three months or more often is necessary. Each committee chairperson (Worship and Music, Outreach, Long Range Planning, Fellowship, and Landscaping) will then present their recommendations to the Vestry.

Correspondence

We have received a letter from the Gideon Society to visit our church. It was decided that a small donation be sent to the Gideon Society, but decline their offer to visit. Father Tom stated that presentations at worship are not appropriate. Tom Sombar will be asked to write a check for the donation.

Report on the 232nd Annual Convention

Ray Jung submitted his report (see attached). He thanked the vestry for the opportunity given to him and Anne to attend both this year's and next year's convention. Two alternate delegates will need to be appointed. They need not attend the convention unless the delegate is unable to attend.

Committee Reports

Property/Long Range Planning

The front storm door on the rental property needs repair. The plumbing problem in the parish hall kitchen will be repaired. A home energy assessment has been performed showing exactly where the heat is escaping. Alex reported that there could be solar panels installed on the parish hall roof.

Service Bulletin/Worship Book/Web page and Facebook

Chris Myers was not present to report.

Acolytes, Music and Worship

No report.

Outreach

Louise Frey reported that her committee had met and since most of the items discussed were concerning Christmas, she will report this at the next Vestry meeting. Samaritan's Purse has requested a donation and Louise will send a check from the Outreach Fund.

Altar Guild

Barney Lane had no comment.

Sunday School

Jill Malloy was not present to report. Jerry Hudson asked that funds be made available for a Sunday school trip to Hershey Park during the summer. Jill would like to have members from the congregation also attend.

Publicity & Literature

Douglas Marshall-Steele was not present to report.

Social Committee

The next scheduled "event" is the Maundy Thursday Soup and Salad Supper.

Old Business

Historic Tax Credit

Sharon Lamando has asked to be relieved of the responsibility to complete this project. Hopefully, another person will come forward. It was suggested that we ask Tom Sombar to find a contact at St. Peter's to help us with this project.

Shared Values

Father Tom prepared a list of "Our Church Values" and presented it at the last vestry meeting for review. The vestry approved the list of values which from time to time will be reviewed. These should be placed on our web site.

Goals for 2017

The list of Goals from Father Tom distributed at the last meeting was discussed. It was suggested that we accept this list of goals as a "start" with more goals added as necessary. This list should also be placed on our web site.

Long Range Planning Committee

Alex Donnan and his committee (Jerry Hudson, Scott Kresge, Mike McNamara, Anne Pratt, and Keith Flemming) will review the electrical survey, energy survey of rental property, solar solution for the church and the safety survey of open electrical boxes, loose wires, heaving sidewalks, etc. Recommendations and priorities will be presented at a future meeting.

New Business

Landscape Committee

Scott Kresge distributed the committee report and request for approval of funds necessary to implement the major planting desired. Jerry Hudson motioned that we approve the expenditure of \$1967.70 for the next phase of landscape design. Alex Donnan seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The date for Spring Clean-up is April 22nd and the next planting day will be May 20th.

Jerry Hudson motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Louise Frey 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, April 19, 2017