



# The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist

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## The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist Vestry meeting, December 13, 2017

Vestry members present:

Gary Lawrik (18), Barney Lane (18), Michael McNamara (19), and Sharon Lamando (18), were present. Jerry Hudson (17), Alex Donnan (17), and Louise Frey (17) were absent. Additionally, Father Tom, Tom Sombar, Clara Escobar, Scott Kresge, 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 that the Lord circle us with love forever. As leaders of the St. John's community, fill us with your living spirit that we might embody your love and reflect your life to our members with our words and deeds. May all we discuss this night be pleasing in your sight and keeping with your will and advance your ministries.

### **Review of the minutes of the November meeting**

Sharon Lamando motioned that the minutes be accepted as written. Michael McNamara seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Tom Sombar presented the Treasurer's report. He submitted the proposed 2018 budget for our review. Michael McNamara motioned that the report be approved as submitted. Sharon Lamando seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Pastor's comments**

Homebound visits are continuing. Lee Revis-Plank has suffered the loss of her mother and Father Tom is trying to contact her. Roxanne Swift is recovering from foot surgery and Father Tom is also trying to contact her. Father Tom has invited six people to be new acolytes. Paul Smith and Jerry Pirrung have decided to train to be acolytes.

### **Correspondence**

There was no significant correspondence.

### **Committee Reports**

### **Worship and Music**

The next meeting will be on Sunday, January 14, 2018 immediately following church service.

## **Sunday School and Youth Ministry**

No report from Jill Malloy. Father Tom reported that eleven people went to the movie "The Star".

## **Outreach**

Clara reported on the Christmas basket and tree. We have fully adopted a family of six and the outreach committee will cover the cost. The signatures for the outreach checking account will need to be changed to reflect the new outreach chairman.

## **Fellowship**

No report.

## **Parish Communications**

Father Tom reported that announcements will be placed in the local newspapers advertising our Christmas service schedule. The directory is finalized and it will be distributed on Sunday. Any changes will be made on a quarterly basis.

## **Property**

Alex Donnan was not present. There was no report. Michael McNamara will contact Alex.

## **Long Range Planning**

No report.

## **Landscape**

No report.

## **Old Business**

### **Memorial Gifts**

Sharon Lamando reviewed the Memorial Gift book as presented by Barney Lane. Some items have not been noted in the book. Sharon will place a notice in the church bulletin asking for information on past memorial gifts.

### **Outside Clergy officiating at St. John's**

Sharon Lamando voiced her concern that outside clergy should not be invited unless approved by Father Tom or any Rector of the church. Father Tom wishes to establish a policy that any service in our facility that the priest of St. John's be the principal celebrant of the church.

## **New Business**

### **Approval of new Director of Music**

Michael McNamara motioned to approve the hiring of Herb Parks as the next Director of Music beginning the first Sunday of February 2018 with compensation of \$11,000.00 per year. Sharon Lamando seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **Feedback from Congregation**

Gary reported that many people were confused about the angel tree this year. The system was changed to make it more equitable. The confusion has been clarified.

Gary suggested that the Long Range Committee investigate the possibility of a second bathroom. Water is needed on the side of the church, so that could also be addressed.

Would it be possible for the church to accept digital payment as offerings? Research is needed.

The election of Senior Warden and Junior Warden will be held at the next vestry meeting. The installation of the officers will be on January 21, 2018.

Michael McNamara motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Sharon Lamando seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margot Lawrik

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 17, 2018