

St. John's Parish
Vestry Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2017

Present: Bruce Massey, Will Godwin, Iris Heichel, Bob Rauth, Chip Sealing, Lou Lamb, Sr. Warden; Cathy Bushey, Becca Burford, Fr. Todd Young, Rector; Joan Weibel, Margaret Clinch, Associate for Youth & Young Adults; Dusty Graham, Jr. Warden; Glenda Fuller & Susan Sunnarborg
Absent: Bob Speelman & Sherrie Burkholder

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM
- II. A motion was made by Bob Rauth to accept the minutes of the 10.22.2017 minutes as corrected.
 - a. Seconded by Will Godwin
 - b. Motion passed
- III. Reports
 - a. Treasurer's Report—No Report
 - b. Rector's Report—Report under New Business
 - c. Senior Warden's Report—Lou Lamb
 - i. Vestry Day Conference—10/28
 1. Attended conference
 2. The Rev. Scott Slater reviewed role of Vestry
 3. Bishop Knudsen spoke about the importance of relationships on attendance
 - ii. Social Media Workshop
 1. 12/9
 2. Cost \$10.00
 - d. Junior Warden's Report—Dusty Graham
 - i. Trees
 1. Arborist to examine trees this winter
 2. Scheduled meeting with neighbor for 11/16
 - ii. Library
 1. Teresa Taylor organizing books in the library
 2. Goal to list all books on-line
 3. Will send note of appreciation for donation of cemetery plot even though the donation was declined
 - e. Associate Youth & Young Adults—Margaret Clinch
 - i. Bishop's Unplugged
 1. 3 young people attending
 2. Bob Rauth will drive the van
 - ii. Rake & Run
 1. 11/19 after the 10:15 AM service
 2. Offer to rake lawns of neighborhood houses
 - iii. Youth Missioner coming to St. John's on 12/1
 - f. St. John's Shelter—Maintenance man has resigned

IV. Old Business

- a. A motion was made by Susan Sunnarborg to accept the revisions to Article I Members of the parish bylaws.
 - i. Seconded by Irish Heichel
 - ii. Motion passed
- b. A motion was made by Lou Lamb and seconded by Bob Rauth to accept the revision to Article II Vestry, Section 5 Vacancies of the parish by-laws: **A Vestry member shall have no more than six unexcused absences or three consecutive absences within a calendar year. A Vestry member incurring these absences shall be considered to have vacated their position and may be removed by the Rector or, in his/her absence, the Senior Warden.**
 - i. A motion was made to by Ruth Ann Ogle to amend the Article II Vestry, Section 5 Vacancies of the parish by-laws to read: A Vestry member incurring these absences shall be considered to have vacated their position and may be removed by the **Vestry.**
 1. Seconded by Bob Rauth
 2. Motion passed
 - ii. The motion as amended was passed
- c. A motion was made by Bob Rauth to reject the revision to Article III Officers, Section 10 Voting Rights of Officers of the parish by-laws.
 - i. Seconded by Cathy Bushey
 - ii. Motion passed
- d. Nominating Committee Update—Bruce Massey
 - i. Names of candidates given to Delores Maletsky
 - ii. Profiles and pictures will be in *Soundings* and bulletin board at the Antietam St. entrance

V. New Business

- a. The following resolution was made by Will Godwin and seconded by Chip Sealing and duly adopted by the Vestry of St. John's Parish, Hagerstown at a regularly scheduled meeting held on November 15, 2017, a quorum being present:

Whereas, Section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code permits a minister of the gospel to exclude from gross income (in computing federal income taxes) a church-designated allowance paid to him as part of his compensation in the extent used by him for actual expenses in owning or renting a home.

Whereas, the Rev. Gary Todd Young is compensated by St. John's Episcopal Church exclusively for the services as a minister of the gospel; and

Whereas, the Church does not provide the Rev. Young with a rectory, therefore it is hereby

Resolved, that the total compensation paid to the Rev. Young for calendar year 2017 shall be a total of \$87,500 of which \$42,000 (\$3,500/mo) is hereby designated to be a housing allowance; and it is further

Resolved, that the designation of \$42,000 as a housing allowance shall apply to calendar year 2018.

This Resolution replaces all previous Housing Allowance Resolutions, and becomes effective January 1, 2018.

- b. A motion was made by Will Godwin to approve \$589 for 1 year renewal of scheduling software.
 - i. Seconded by Susan Sunnarborg
 - ii. Motion passed
 - c. A motion was made by Will Godwin to approve \$839.85 to purchase camera, tripod and microphone to “live stream” Sunday services.
 - i. Seconded by Iris Heichel
 - ii. Motion passed
 - d. A motion was made to take \$6,000 from Historic Properties endowment for piping system upgrades.
 - i. Seconded by Becca Burford
 - ii. Motion passed
 - e. A motion was made by Chip Sealing to take \$6,000 from Historic Properties endowment for new phone system.
 - i. Seconded by Will Godwin
 - ii. Motion passed
 - f. A motion was made by Chip Sealing to authorize \$5,852.55 from Historic Properties endowment to Miller Anderson for repairs to the boiler.
 - i. Seconded by Will Godwin
 - ii. Motion passed
- VI. Commission Reports
- a. Welcoming
 - i. Will Godwin distributed order forms for polo shirts
 - ii. HARC Community Worship Service
 - 1. 11/19
 - 2. At the synagogue
 - b. Remaining reports submitted as printed
- VII. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted;

Ruth Ann Ogle, Registrar