

St. John's Parish
Vestry Minutes
May 23, 2018

Present: Kim Halsey, Fr. Todd Young, Rector; Katherine Foreman, Treasurer; Iris Heichel, Bob Speelman, Lou Lamb, Sr. Warden; Margaret Clinch, Associate for Youth & Young Adults; Jane Rozes, Cathy Bushey, Missy McCray, Will Godwin, Karla Davis, Becca Burford, & Susan Sunnarborg
Absent: Bob Rauth & Dusty Graham, Jr. Warden

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:13 PM
- II. A motion was made by Susan Sunnarborg to accept the 4.25.2018 Vestry meeting minutes as corrected.
 - a. Seconded by Will Godwin
 - b. Motion passed
- III. A motion was made by Karla Davis to accept the 3.28.2018 Executive Session minutes as printed.
 - a. Seconded by Iris Heichel
 - b. Motion passed
- IV. A motion was made by Cathy Bushey to accept the 4.25.2018 Executive Session minutes as printed.
 - a. Seconded by Jane Rozes
 - b. Motion passed
- V. Reports
 - a. Treasurer's Report—Katherine Foreman
 - i. YTD Income \$177,578
 - ii. YTD Expenses \$215,191
 - iii. Shortfall \$37,613
 - iv. Presented various suggestions and ideas from members of the parish for improving financial situation
 1. Increase parish awareness of church finances
 2. Rent Trimble Hall to parishioners and/or outside groups
 3. Sell playground
 4. Sell tickets to music concerts
 5. Discontinue van
 6. Review staff expenses
 7. Diocese pledge reduction
 8. Apply for grants
 9. Joint fundraisers with other churches or St. James School
 10. Grow the parish
 11. Assistance from Diocese—finance, growing, fundraisers
 12. Fundraisers in the fall like Mayfest for operating & Community Café
 13. Invest van fund in high interest/higher risk portfolio for more growth
 14. Reduces spending have each commission look for ways to cut costs
 - b. Rector's Report—Fr. Todd Young
 - i. Convention
 1. Karla Davis & Joyce Chabot delegates
 2. Resolutions

- a. Provide annual cola to parish employees
 - b. Provide caring & compassionate response to the opioid crisis
 - c. Support common sense gun control measures
 - d. Support the Poor People's Campaign
 - i. Continuation of the Dr. Martin Luther King's campaign
 - ii. Eliminate racism & injustice
 - ii. Sunday Service Streaming
 - 1. Difficulty in getting connectivity
 - 2. Hope to improve by moving Wi-Fi booster from J2A room to the hallway outside the church
 - c. Senior Warden's Report submitted under Old & New Business
 - d. Junior Warden's Report submitted as printed
 - e. Associate's Youth & Young Adults Report—Margaret Clinch
 - i. Volunteers and youth honored at 5/20 breakfast
 - ii. VBS planning session scheduled for 6/3
 - f. St. John's Shelter—Becca Burford
 - i. 1 vacancy
 - ii. Not eligible to apply for state grant due to reporting requirements
- VI. Old Business
- a. A motion was made by Bob Speelman and seconded by Will Godwin to authorize payment of \$520 to Keplinger Automtove Inc. for snow removal from the General Operating Account.
 - i. Affirms e-mail vote on 5.13.2018
 - ii. Bill due before May Vestry meeting
 - iii. Eight voted approval
 - iv. Approval by e-mail only for emergency expenditures, but not as standard practice
 - b. A motion was made by Katherine Foreman and seconded by Will Godwin to table transferring Whitmore bequest from the Organ Fund to Music Scholarship Fund.
 - i. Further clarification needed
 - ii. Motion passed
 - c. Safety & Security Plans & Team—Lou Lamb
 - i. Senior Warden wrote article for *Soundings* explaining purpose
 - ii. Team will be sub-committee of Fabric & Grounds Commission
 - iii. Ushers will ask people to put backpacks at the back of the church or inside the Antietam St. entrance
 - d. "Icons in Transformation" Exhibit—Lou Lamb
 - i. Obtained brochures on the exhibit
 - ii. Spoke about the artist's life & inspiration
- VII. New Business
- a. A motion was made by Katherine Foreman to authorize the Treasurer to withdraw up to \$50,000 from the Unrestricted Endowment to the general operating account to cover expenses for June, July and August; the Vestry to be notified prior to any withdraw over \$25,000.
 - i. Seconded by Will Godwin
 - ii. Motion passed

- b. A motion to purchase Columbarium niche from Bill Abeles, Sr. for \$1,000.
 - i. Seconded by Will Godwin
 - ii. Motion passed
 - c. A motion was made by Katherine Foreman to authorize \$784.32 to David Davis for 5 cases of wine purchased for Mayfest.
 - i. Seconded by Iris Heichel
 - ii. Motion passed
 - d. A motion was made by Jane Rozes to reimburse Fr. Todd Young for \$1,348.34 for the 2nd half of the deposit for the J2A trip to New York.
 - i. Seconded by Cathy Bushey
 - ii. Motion passed
 - e. Washington Co. Goes Purple—Opioid Concerns
 - i. HARC encouraging churches to have speakers
 - ii. Councilwoman Emily Keller suggested
 - f. Future Rector Search Fund
 - i. Establishing joint investment account to include Rector Search fund
 - ii. Include other small funds
- VIII. Commissions
- a. Service & Outreach—Mayfest met fundraising goal
 - b. Remaining reports submitted as written
- IX. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted;

Ruth Ann Ogle, Registrar