

St. John's Parish
Vestry Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2019

Present: Fr. Todd Young, Rector; Bob Rauth, Kim Halsey, Carol Cox, Lou Lamb, Sr. Warden; Missy McCray, Cathy Bushey, Karla Davis, Ken Brown, Katherine Foreman, Treasurer; Brian Connally, Jane Rozes, Ellen Collins, Jr. Warden; & Susan Sunnarborg
Absent: Rebecca Connor & Will Godwin

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM
- II. Election of Officers
 - a. A motion was made by Jane Rozes to affirm the selection of Ellen Collins as Jr. Warden.
 - i. Seconded by Karla Davis
 - ii. Motion passed
 - b. A motion was made by Karla Davis to affirm the selection of Bill Young as Chancellor.
 - i. Seconded by Cathy Bushey
 - ii. Motion passed
 - c. A motion was made by Jane Rozes to affirm the selection of Katherine Foreman as Treasurer.
 - i. Seconded by Karla Davis
 - ii. Motion passed
 - d. A motion was made by Jane Rozes to affirm the selection of Ruth Ann Ogle as Registrar.
 - i. Seconded by Katherine Foreman
 - ii. Motion passed
- III. A motion was made by Bob Rauth to accept the minutes of the 1.23.2019 meeting as printed.
 - a. Seconded by Cathy Bushey
 - b. Motion passed
- IV. Reports
 - a. Treasurer—Katherine Foreman
 - i. Pledges are at budgeted amount
 - ii. Expenses are slightly higher due to snow removal
 - iii. Remaining report under New Business
 - b. Rector—Fr. Todd Young
 - i. Announcements
 - 1. 3/3 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
 - 2. 3/6 Ash Wednesday—two services
 - 3. 3/10 Commissioning Service for Vestry members—both services
 - ii. Photos of Vestry members will be taken and displayed in Trimble Hall
 - iii. Search Consultant
 - 1. Asked by Diocese to be consultant to parishes undertaking search for new rector
 - 2. Attended training at the Diocese
 - iv. Expressed appreciation to the Vestry for their support

- c. Senior Warden—Lou Lamb
 - i. Expressed her appreciation to the Vestry
 - ii. Commissions will meet on 3/13
 - iii. Vestry meeting will take place on 3/27
 - 1. Invited to conduct meeting at Well Fargo
 - 2. Will hear presentation on investments
 - 3. Concern about conflict of interest
 - 4. Will discuss further
 - iv. Letter of appreciation sent to parents regarding their concerns the J2A trip
 - v. Cemetery plots have been sold
 - vi. Letters of appreciation sent to Vestry candidates
 - d. St. John's Shelter—Missy McCray
 - i. Hired caretaker
 - 1. Dean Smallwood
 - 2. Master Plumber
 - ii. Apartments cleaned in anticipation of occupancy
 - iii. Looking into grants & donations to “spruce” up the building
- V. Old Business
- a. Pilot Program to Recover a Percentage of Fees from Fundraising Events
 - i. Motion was previously tabled
 - ii. No one made motion to take the issue off the table
 - b. HARC Hike
 - i. St. John's asked to provide transportation
 - ii. St. John's will provide driver
 - iii. No conflict with insurance
- VI. New Business
- a. The following motion was made by Katherine Foreman at the request of PNC bank: To establish that St. John's Episcopal Church, St. John's Parish and the Vestry of St. John's Episcopal Church, Hagerstown, Maryland using EIN XX-XXXXXX are one and the same. PNC Bank has listed the Legal Title as St. John's Parish on several of the account documents along with an invalid EIN which must be changed to the correct and proper legal title as noted in our Articles of Amendment and Restatement dated January 9, 1978 and EIN. This motion is to establish with PNC Bank that our Legal Title is The Vestry of St. John's Episcopal Church, Hagerstown, Maryland and our EIN is XX-XXXXXX and our checks state St. John's Episcopal Church, 101 South Prospect Street, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740. The Church by-laws state that the Treasurer and the assistant Treasurer are permitted to be signatories on the Parish bank account. The signatories are the Senior Warden: Louise Lamb, the Junior Warden Ellen Collins, (elected 2.27.2019) and two others as selected by the Vestry with adoption of this motion. They are Bill Soulis and Jeanne Graham on 2.27.2019.
 - i. Seconded by Jane Rozes
 - ii. Motion passed
 - b. A motion was made by Kim Halsey and seconded by Jane Rozes to approve the 2018 Parochial Report.
 - i. Rector & Parish Administrator spent year reviewing parish roster and removing names no longer active
 - 1. 2017 Parochial Report had 505 baptized members

2. 2018 Parochial Report shows 314 baptized members
3. Average Sunday Attendance
 - a. 2017 167
 - b. 2018 149
4. Baptisms & Confirmations
 - a. 1 baptism under 16
 - b. 3 confirmations under 16
 - c. 9 confirmations over 16
 - d. 1 member received
5. Pledges
 - a. 2017 there were 138 pledging units
 - b. 2019 there were 127; however pledges increase \$12,000
- c. Increase Amount Requiring Vestry Approval
 - i. Current amount is \$500
 - ii. Vestry approval sometimes delays payment
 - iii. Votes by e-mail have been used and then affirmed at next vestry meeting
 - iv. No action taken at this time
- d. A motion was made by Bob Rauth to authorize \$500 to install LED light fixtures in the second floor bathrooms.
 - i. Seconded by Kim Halsey
 - ii. Motion passed
- e. Diocesan Council Representative
 - i. Karla Davis's term will expire at this year's Diocesan Convention
 - ii. Encouraged members to consider running for Council seat or Standing Committee
 - iii. Diocese looking for representatives from western Maryland
- VII. Commission Reports
 - a. Welcoming—new family attending
 - b. Remaining Commission reports submitted by title
- VIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted;

Ruth Ann Ogle, Registrar

