

Galilee Church Vestry Minutes
15 May 2018

Present:	Father Andy Buchanan	Henry Conde	Father Nigel Mumford
	Beth Bakhshi	Jodie Berndt	Jimmy Jordan
	Peter Kraus	Page Miyares	Molly Rueger
	Annabelle Stiffler	Susan Wynne	

Absent:	Father Patrick Bush	Hunter Folck	Archie Simmons
	Harry Thetford	Lee Woodard	

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

Prayer: Opening prayer was offered by Father Mumford.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the 17 April 2018 meeting were approved as corrected.

Rector's Report:

- Father Buchanan will leave on Thursday, May 17, to tour Scotland and England with a group of approximately 35 parishioners. He will return on May 27. All of our other clergy will be available during his absence.
- Nick Caccese will be ordained at Bruton Parish on June 2 at 11 am.
- The worship time for the 3rd worship service will change for the summer. The service will begin at 10:45.
- Father Buchanan and Father Bush will provide training for leadership of small groups beginning in June. Two groups will be formed, and emerging leaders will lead and support new and existing small groups. Further steps to strengthen small groups are planned for the summer.
- The new Galilee Newsletter has been distributed twice. Greeters will continue to distribute the newsletter to parishioners on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, after each worship service.

Senior Warden's Report:

- Father Buchanan, Susan Wynne, and Page Lea launched the 2018 Sanctuary Renovation appeal on Sunday, May 13, with an exceptional video and talks, emphasizing the need and importance of the upcoming work and the hope for parish-wide financial support. A pamphlet summarizing the proposed restoration was distributed.
- The initial project within the renovation, the restoration of the sanctuary's ceiling plaster, commenced on May 14. The work is being performed by a company thoroughly experienced in the renovation of historic buildings and, with a condensed schedule of overtime and weekend work, the company anticipates completion in approximately 2 weeks.

- The third payment for the land purchased from the Cavalier for Galilee parking was made.
- The Women of Galilee completed their 2018 Outreach Giving. A total of \$20,000 was given to 19 charitable organizations.
- Lydia Suitt, Associate Director of Student Ministries, will begin work on May 16. A welcome reception for her will be held on Sunday, May 20, at 10:30.

Junior Warden's Report:

- Routine work on the building and grounds continued during April.
- The installation of the new split-rail fence along the Selden Hall property line was completed.
- The library now has an audio/video run to television, thus providing the same audio-visual capabilities that are present in Tucker Hall. This will allow broader use of the library space for meetings and groups.
- The exterior dormers and trim on Tucker Hall were painted.

Treasurer's Report:

- Cumulative attendance through April was down by 3% from last year; however, there has been one less Sunday in this year's total as compared to the previous year. Average Sunday attendance is approximately 535.
- Finances showed improvement during April: Revenue from pledges was above budget by \$22,175, unpledged collections were above budget by \$10,669, expenses were below budget by \$7,224, and GMS tuition revenue was above budget by \$1,630.

Old Business:

- Sanctuary Restoration

Fundraising has begun, but completion of pledging by July 8 is doubtful. However, it should definitely be completed by the end of summer to eliminate any overlap with the fall stewardship campaign. The committee plans to meet with designated parishioners by May 25 and will send pamphlets with pledge cards to all parishioners soon. Strong participation is essential. A suggested level of giving will be proposed by committee members, but it is important that parishioners pledge an amount with which they feel comfortable. Pledges will be kept private. A suggestion was made to reach out to certain non-members of Galilee, such as residents of Richmond who attend Galilee services and couples who were married in the sanctuary, to encourage additional pledging.

A separate financial account, strictly for the Restoration project, has been established. The ceiling plaster work will initially be funded by \$250,000 from the current reserve fund. Parishioners will have the option of spreading their pledged payments over 4 years.

New Business:

- Douglass Patterson Speaker Series

Jodie Berndt reported that the committee for the Douglass Patterson Speaker Series has met twice. The 2018 speaker will be Patti Henry, a novelist who will discuss the life and writings of C.S. Lewis; the event will be held at Galilee on September 27. The committee is considering several other individuals as speakers for 2019 and subsequent years. Cost, availability, subject matter, and alignment with Galilee's vision are considerations.

Liaison Report:

Page Miyares provided a report on Galilee's Financial Committee which has recently been reactivated. Committee members provide valuable history and knowledge of church finances, oversee investments, and discuss various options and approaches regarding financial issues. The committee is chaired by Archie Simmons, vestry treasurer, but committee members tend to serve for longer periods than vestry members, thus providing stability for the committee. Holding regular meetings has been proposed; quarterly meetings have been suggested.

Adjournment: The business meeting was adjourned at 8 pm. The meeting was followed by informal discussion and faith sharing.

Faith Sharing: Beth Bakhshi

Next Meeting: 19 June 2018