

Galilee Church Vestry Minutes
16 October 2018

Present: Father Andy Buchanan Henry Conde Jodie Berndt
 Jimmy Jordan Peter Kraus Molly Rueger
 Archie Simmons Harry Thetford Lee Woodard
 Susan Wynne

Absent: Father Patrick Bush Beth Bakhshi Hunter Folck
 Page Miyares Annabelle Stiffler

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm.

Prayer: Opening prayer was offered by Father Buchanan.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the 18 September 2018 vestry meeting were approved as written.

Rector's Report:

- The schedules for classes, groups, and school are back on track and progressing well, following a brief delay due to inclement weather.
- Alpha is being attended by 40-50 participants, all of whom are new to the class. Vickie Fox is providing especially delicious dinners for each gathering.
- The rectors and staff are preparing for Christmas and winter programs.
- Attendance at worship services has decreased during the past two Sundays but is expected to increase during the remainder of the year.
- The search for a new Diocesan Bishop has begun. A survey will be distributed throughout the Diocese to give parishioners the opportunity to provide input regarding the development of a Diocesan profile. Recruitment of candidates will be open through Spring of 2019, with the anticipation of a slate 5-6 candidates by June, followed by a Fall election.

Senior Warden's Report:

- Father Buchanan was commended for his letter to parishioners and sermon addressing stewardship and pledging.
- Alice Koziel will be unable to co-chair the Stewardship Drive with Jim Baker; however, Peter Kraus and Harry Thetford have volunteered to help with videos and statistics, respectively. Videos of Galilee ministries and outreach efforts will be shown at worship services.
- The Vestry Nominating Committee has met twice and plans to present the slate of proposed nominees at the November vestry meeting.

- Upcoming important 2019 dates include: Diocesan Council, February 8-9; Galilee Annual Meeting and Vestry Election, February 10; and Vestry Retreat, February 15-16.
- The Galilee Harvest Bazaar will be held on 16-18 November.

Junior Warden's Report:

- The majority of work performed on the buildings and grounds during September was routine, primarily including lawn, playground, and drainage maintenance, electrical upkeep, and stripping/waxing of floors.
- Leaks that were identified in both the attic of the small cottage and the crawl space of the Rectory resulted in extensive mold. Mold remediation was required for both homes as well as a complete remodel of one of the Rectory bathrooms. Since these homes continue to have significant maintenance issues, options such as demolition are being considered to provide better use of the land (e.g., building a new Montessori school, thereby allowing increased school attendance and freeing up of church space; or providing additional parking areas).

Treasurer's Report:

- Due to Henry Conde's recent return from vacation, the September Treasurer's Report was not yet available. However, he did report that as of September, attendance is 1% above that of 2017.

Old Business:

- Approximately 250 people attended the recent Douglass Patterson Series event which received positive feedback. The small groups have begun their studies.

New Business: None.

Liaison Report:

- Susan Wynne provided a report on Galilee's extensive Pastoral Care which is chaired by Mary Lee Harris. Ministries which comprise our pastoral care include: Tender Loving Carriers, chaired by Ivy Carey; Young Mothers, chaired by Jill King; Flower Power, chaired by Katie Denton; Prayer Shawls and Baby Blankets, chaired by Teddie Ganzel; Cards, written by Ann Taylor; Advocates for Mental Health, chaired by Kathy Wakefield; Eucharistic Visitors, chaired by John Parker; and the Prayer Chain.

Adjournment: The business meeting was adjourned at 8 pm, followed by faith sharing.

Faith Sharing: Jodie Berndt

Next Meeting: 13 November 2018 (Subsequent meetings will be held on 18 December 2018 and 22 January 2019.)