

Galilee Church Vestry Minutes
16 July 2019

Present: Father Andy Buchanan Father Patrick Bush Henry Conde
Gerrit Benson Hunter Folck Peter Kraus
Jamie Rawles (Sr. Warden) Steve Scoper Annabelle Stiffler (Jr. Warden)
Harry Thetford (Treasurer) Lee Woodard Susan Wynne
Drew Landsperger

Absent: Beth Bakhshi Jennifer Fernandez Page Miyares (Registrar)

Call to Order: 7:07 pm

Prayer: Opening prayer was offered by Father Bush.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the 19 June 2019 vestry meeting were approved as written.

Rector's Report:

- The position for the Director of Contemporary Worship has been filled. The new director will begin at the end of August.
- Although June attendance at worship services and cumulative attendance have increased, attendance for the remainder of the summer is not expected to increase. Some parishioners are not comfortable worshipping in the casual settings and many older parishioners find the seating physically uncomfortable.
- Father Buchanan proposed that the clergy and vestry members each host a casual gathering of 12 parishioners at their homes yearly. This would provide an opportunity for parishioners to connect with each other and vestry members/clergy as well as to voice comments, concerns, and suggestions. Additionally, since contact with parishioners would be made or attempted as invitations were extended, the church membership list could be updated.

Senior Warden's Report: None.

Junior Warden's Report:

- Facility and grounds maintenance for June included new urns with plantings for the columbarium, replacement of one large window outside the Montessori school, and the installation of a new microphone in Jordan Hall.
- Work within the sanctuary included ceiling repair, installation of hearing loop wiring, and removal of chandeliers which require brass and wiring replacement. The ceiling and chandelier repairs are more extensive and will require more funding than was originally planned; however,

renovation expenses are currently within budget and the established line-of-credit has not been accessed. Work on the pews has been completed, but they will not be delivered and installed until other work has been accomplished.

Treasurer's Report:

- Monthly and year-to-date (YTD) pledge revenues were below budget by approximately \$13,000 and \$200 respectively.
- Monthly and YTD expenses were above budget by approximately \$20,100 and \$17,100 respectively.
- Monthly operating cash flow was below budget by approximately \$18,400, but YTD cash flow was above budget by approximately \$79,200.
- Monthly and YTD Galilee Montessori School tuition revenues were above budget by approximately \$11,800 and \$42,500 respectively.
- The Sanctuary Fund has received approximately \$934,000 from pledged revenue; expenses to date have totaled approximately \$95,000. Line items showing the current assets of the three Sanctuary Fund accounts have been incorporated into the Galilee Financial Balance Sheet. Including the Sanctuary accounting within the overall Operational accounting sheets provides some accountability, visibility, and transparency of the Sanctuary Fund finances. Additionally, the accounts pay 4% interest, thereby providing approximately \$2,000 per month in interest. If the accounts were held separately, this interest would not be paid.
- New accounting rules have been applied to designated, restricted, and temporarily restricted funds. The vestry must now vote on/approve such funds as either designated or restricted. The Finance Committee will review the church's current relevant funds and recommend to the vestry which should be identified as restricted and which as designated. It is anticipated that few funds will be restricted; more funds will likely be identified as designated funds which provide more flexibility and can be changed. Yearly review of these funds was proposed.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Liaison Report: Gerrit Benson provided a report on Galilee's three primary outreach projects.

- The food pantry ministry, under the leadership of the Monica and George Craddock, is supporting the Eastern Shore food pantry. Galilee has numerous volunteers who work at the pantry, and all pantry volunteers recently gathered for a luncheon.
- Gerrit plans to contact Sally Kitchin and Molly Rueger regarding the An Achievable Dream ministry and Tony Zontini for the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center ministry.

- He also reported that the Men's Breakfast ministry meets each Wednesday morning and is now also offering quarterly events for men. The Women of Galilee recently distributed more than \$20,000 to various outreach organizations.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Faith Sharing: Lee Woodard

Next Meeting: 20 August 2019