

**Galilee Church Vestry Minutes
19 June 2018**

Present:	Father Patrick Bush	Henry Conde	Jodie Berndt
	Hunter Folck	Peter Kraus	Page Miyares
	Molly Rueger	Archie Simmons	Annabelle Stiffler
	Harry Thetford	Lee Woodard	
Absent:	Father Andy Buchanan	Beth Bakhshi	Jimmy Jordan
	Susan Wynne		

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

Prayer: Opening prayer was offered by Father Bush.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the 15 May 2018 meeting were approved as written.

Rector's Report:

- Although overall Sunday attendance is slightly negative in relation to 2017, which included an additional Sunday, average Sunday attendance is slightly positive over last year.
- Galilee's summer beach program will return to the more popular evening format. The first parish beach night will be Sunday, 24 June.
- Father Andy and Ruth Wilkins have planned a parish trip to Washington, D.C. on 4-5 October. The trip includes an overnight stay in the DC Wharf District, an evening of worship at the National Cathedral with their Men and Boys Choir, dinner at an Italian restaurant, and a visit to the Museum of the Bible. The trip size is limited to 30.
- Lillie Tillar is preparing for Vacation Bible School for 134 children. Registration has closed and a waiting list is filling up.
- The four clergy have initiated a "Parish All Call." Each of the clergy is calling six parishioners per week to check in with them and take prayer requests. This also allows the parish listings to be updated in terms of correct contact information and membership status.

Senior Warden's Report:

- Some parishioners expressed a concern regarding the placement of the sanctuary pews subsequent to their refinishing. During the re-installation, all pews will be returned to their original position and all name plates will be re-installed on their same pew.
- As a result of a disruptive incident during an 8 am worship service involving an impaired visitor, it was determined that the church should consider developing a Safety Policy and a process that can address helping individuals in need who are present at church during worship services. The concern is for the care of such individuals as well as for the safety of parishioners

and clergy. It was felt that ushers and greeters might help to address the issue; clergy should be alerted whenever possible.

Junior Warden's Report:

- Work completed during May on the building and grounds primarily involved routine maintenance, repair, and replacement.
- The first phase of the sanctuary restoration, the attic plaster restoration/stabilization, was completed successfully in 2 ½ weeks. The contractor also painted the walls above the chair rail within the sanctuary.
- Two window wells flooded as a result of recent torrential rain, causing flooding in the GMS basement. Quick reaction by teachers and other staff prompted clearing of the affected rooms; affected areas were dried for several days via 68 blowers and then professionally cleaned. Only one day of class time was lost; classes were held in Jordan Hall while basement rooms were being restored.

Treasurer's Report:

- Attendance at worship services has continued to be basically flat.
- Revenue from pledges was below budget by \$15,220 for May and by \$38,533 for the year-to-date (YTD). Unpledged collections were below budget by \$1,461 for the month but above budget by \$3,411 for the YTD. GMS tuition revenue was above budget by \$13,334 for the month but below budget by \$7,929 for the YTD.
- Monthly expenses were above budget by \$14,127 but below budget by \$23,178 for the YTD.
- The recurring downward trend of pledge payments is a concern; this situation will continue to be monitored.
- The sanctuary fund is being maintained separate from other church accounts. The revenue/expenses within this fund will not be reflected in the monthly/YTD Treasurer's Reports in order to retain consistency within monthly reporting.

Old Business:

- **Sanctuary Restoration:** Page Lea and Susan Wynne were commended for continuing to provide exceptional leadership of the project. To date, \$1,094,000 has been pledged, including thirty-two pledges for at least \$20,000. Currently, 125 pledges (from approximately 350) have been received. The committee is making follow-up calls and pledging is available on-line. Many parishioners are choosing the 4-year payment option; this is somewhat of a concern since the majority of work will be completed, with payment due, by the fall of 2019. The appeal is scheduled to conclude by 8 July, the 62nd anniversary of the placement of the church cornerstone. On this Sunday, a combined worship service will be held followed by a parish-wide reception of thanks and celebration.

- **Galilee/Ocean Hills Fencing:** The gate/gate lock/fencing issue requires resolution.

Galilee currently controls fence locks on backyard gates of six Ocean Hills residences. Previously, locks were installed as a result of unauthorized use of Galilee property by contractors and the need to maintain security and safety. Some affected homeowners and other Ocean Hills residents are upset by Galilee's control of these gates. It may be necessary to install a second fence with no gates on Galilee property, thereby allowing no access to the six backyards from Galilee's property. This solution, however, might reflect negatively on the church regarding "good neighbor" relations.

- **Small Groups:** Starting in August, Father Patrick and Father Andy will lead two bible study small groups for facilitators of other small groups. There are a large number of current and prospective group facilitators, and new small groups are forming. The vestry was encouraged to participate in a small group, and new church members will also be directed toward small group participation. The Douglass Patterson Committee hopes to form several small groups. Each group will study one of four books written by C.S. Lewis or other chosen books. Groups will be open to all but each will likely be limited to 20-25 participants. The committee has been struggling to determine a mission for its ministry and programs; Father Patrick suggested relating the committee's work to the church mission of "renewal."

New Business: None.

Liaison Report: None.

Adjournment: The business meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. The meeting was followed by faith sharing.

Faith Sharing: Hunter Folck

Next Meeting: 17 July 2018