

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church - Vestry Meeting - February 20, 2018

In attendance: Fr. J. Wesley Evans, Judy Sloan (Sr. Warden), Patty Anderson, Mark Beardsley, Ed Colvin, Pam Colvin, Jerry Fillebrown, Steve Keller, Bob Rice

Absent:

The meeting opened with prayer by Fr. J. Wesley Evans at 6:34 pm

Minutes:

- Minutes from the January 16, 2018 Vestry meeting were approved.
Motion to approve: Steve Keller; 2nd: Bob Rice; motion carried.

Past Events:

- Parish Meeting - decent attendance and participation. Some confusion on finance report owing to lack of treasurer or functioning finance committee. Fr Evans plans to improve the flow of next year's parish meeting.
- Community Mardi Gras Event - weather functionally ended the event, but testing our Mask Making Event in the new location at Grayson Hall was hugely successful. Plans are already in the pipeline to use this space again next year.
- First Wednesday Dinner - Great Success!! Terrific attendance and lively conversations. Kudos to Helen and Craig Summer for organization and décor.
- Shrove Tuesday - small crowd but those in attendance enjoyed the event. How can we improve for next year? Thoughts on the burning of last year's palms to make ashes and the burning of "Alleluia?"
- Ash Wednesday - Good turnout overall considering it was on Valentine's Day.

General Updates:

- **2018 Vestry:** Welcome to new members Judy Sloan (new Dr. Warden), Patty Anderson and Mark Beardsley. Each should receive a binder with Bylaws, Church canons, etc. from the outgoing members. Please familiarize yourselves with the Bylaws and Vestry Handbook.
- **New Acolyte/Server Training:** We have begun training new acolytes Leon Veasey and Cap Welsh and will train Ken Crawford for additional positions. This training will increase the pool of servers for Sunday worship.
- **Confirmation/Baptism Classes:** In Lent, 2 seeking Confirmation, 2 seeking Reception and 2 seeking Baptism.
- **Rectory repairs update:** Repairs from water damage are basically done! To prevent further damage, we must fix the backyard drainage issue. TY to Steve Keller for getting the fireplace up and running.
- **Grace Tuck Endowment:** Money has been deposited into a proper account.

Important Dates Upcoming:

- **Lenten Program:** Wednesdays 6:30 pm - theme is Holy Dying, and there will be several Guest Speakers. We'll begin the event in the Church with the Great Litany and proceed to the Parish Hall for a light supper of meatless soup and bread followed by the program of the night.
Fridays 6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross. The Church will continue to open until 10:30 pm for private meditation and self-guided Station of the Cross.
- **Holy Week:** Starts March 25th with Palm Sunday. Start passing out flyers and inviting people. There will be rehearsals for the Holy Week Services during Lent.

Sr. Warden Report:

- **CPA:** Working to secure a CPA. Ginny O'Hanlon and Kelly Grimes are two possible candidates.

Carla and Judy will meet with each candidate and also determine the estimated cost to the Church. The 6-member Audit Committee will continue and therefore, we may not a Treasurer right away.

Jr. Warden Report:

- See attached
- In addition to the printed report:
 - ∞ Craig Summer is planning a more efficient use/replacement of the filters in the HVAC units.
 - ∞ Site Scape Project Proposal for addressing the drainage issue at the Rectory. Two options:
 - 1) 135' of 4" corrugated pipe; 6 catch basins; 6 sleeves to catch debris; removal of existing pipe which will be in the way.
 - 2) Blowout the existing pipe, add 2-4" drain caps (\$500 separate from the bottom line quote)

PRICE INCLUDES MATERIALS & LABOR TO COMPLETE THE WORK

DIG TEST WILL BE ORDERED (IF NEEDED)

CITY PERMITS ARE INCLUDED (IF NEEDED)

Total estimated cost: \$2,500.

Discussion: Get one more bid; approve total cost up to \$3,000 for emergency water control.

If the total amount needed goes higher than approved, the vestry will revisit the issue, revise

and secure an email vote as needed.

Motion to Accept Option #2: Jerry Fillebrown; 2nd: Patty Anderson

Motion carried with one opposing vote

Financial Report:

- Tabled until next month.

New Business: Bob Rice proposed a resolution pertaining to the canons regarding appropriate attire for Clergy at St. Stephen's, in particular the wearing of blue jeans. As there was no second, the proposal did not carry.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m. with a prayer read together by all Vestry members.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Fillebrown, Clerk