

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION  
VESTRY MINUTES  
February 16, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Vestry members in attendance: Senior Warden John Biggs, Buzz Atkinson, Janeece Buckner, Jim Gilligan, Ken Griechen, Luke Pearce, Meg Swant, and Les Woodward  
Absent: Fr. David Lynch and Frances Lingrel

The meeting was opened with a prayer, introductions by each person present, and acceptance of the presented January 10, 2017 minutes.

LEADERSHIP REPORTS:

Jr. Warden - Les Woodward: The expense to repair the draft blower on the furnace was \$56 for materials. It was suggested that a reminder be issued to lock the doors when leaving the church and to turn off the coffee maker. A security committee may be established soon to address these and other issues. It was also noted that there is a system to obtain approval for all changes/improvements to the building; anyone wishing to make changes to the building or grounds should contact Les.

Sr. Warden - John Biggs: The senior warden will not be at the church every day; on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, John is especially busy with work. He plans to meet with Fr. David each Friday.

Rector - John Biggs for Fr. David Lynch: Pastoral care activities continue. Diocesan activities include the appointment of David Lynch to mentor a postulant. Fr. David's chaplaincy responsibilities for the local area will begin soon.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS:

Communications - Jim Gilligan: The church website and Facebook site are being updated. The group is considering putting a streaming video on Facebook of a Sunday service; this would allow housebound individuals to feel more a part of the congregation.

Education - John Biggs: A confirmation class began last Sunday. Three youths and three adults were in attendance.

Hospitality - Janeece Buckner and John Biggs: Friends of the Pancake, which falls under the hospitality banner, will be headed by Luke Pearce. That group is responsible for the first Sunday breakfasts and the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper.

Outreach - Pat Carle: Information about the Best Choice label collection will be reported by the Outreach liaison in the future. Outreach will be providing four volunteers to Uplift on February 27, and will be

preparing a meal for 60 for distribution to Uplift clients on March 6. These are trial runs to judge the support level and whether the parish can afford and manage this ministry.

Stewardship - Jim Gilligan: The 2017 expected receipts look similar to the 2016 actual results. For the first time since becoming a parish, Church of the Resurrection is not committing to payment of its full apportionment in 2017. It was noted that, of the approximately 50 churches in the diocese, over half are not self-sustaining and cannot pay their full apportionment.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT:

Treasurer's Report - Jim Gilligan (SEE ATTACHED): With new Vestry members at this meeting, the treasurer spent some time walking the group through the report structure and explaining terms and how to read the statements. He explained that January's results were in line with projections.

#### DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Election of Junior Warden: Meg Swant made the following motion, which was seconded by Ken Griechen and approved unanimously by voice vote:

*RESOLVED, that Les Woodward serve in the role of junior warden for the next year.*

Rector's Salary/Housing Allowance: Jim Gilligan made the following motion, which was seconded by Buzz Atkinson and approved unanimously by voice vote:

*WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Code permits a minister of the gospel to exclude from gross income (in computing federal income taxes) a church-designated allowance paid to the minister as part of the minister's compensation to the extent used by the minister for actual expenses in owning or renting a home; and*

*WHEREAS, the Reverend David Lynch is compensated by the Church of the Resurrection exclusively for services as a minister of the gospel; and*

*WHEREAS, the Church of the Resurrection does not provide the Reverend David Lynch with a parsonage; therefore, it is hereby*

*RESOLVED, that the total of the stipend and housing compensation paid to the Reverend David Lynch for the calendar year 2017 shall equal \$60,000 and it is*

*FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$34,800 is hereby designated to be the stipend and the remainder designated a Housing Allowance pursuant to Section 107 of the Internal Revenue Service; and it is*

*FURTHER RESOLVED, that the designation of the amount of the Housing Allowance may be modified in subsequent calendar years.*

Future Vestry Meeting Dates - John Biggs: The routine dates for future Vestry meetings were discussed. It was decided that the meetings normally will be on the second Wednesday of each month (a change from the second Tuesday of each month). However, the next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 14; a Vestry picture will be taken during that meeting. The April meeting will also be on a Tuesday: April 18, moved

from the second week to the the third Tuesday in April because of Holy Week. Beginning in May, the meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of the month.

Committee Structure & Assignments - John Biggs (SEE ATTACHED): The committee structure was briefly discussed; the committee listing will be finalized at a future Vestry meeting.

Diocesan Convention Delegates - John Biggs: The delegates elected at the Annual Meeting were John Biggs and Jim Gilligan. John Biggs made the following motion, which was seconded by Luke Pearce and approved unanimously by voice vote:

*RESOLVED, that Bill Carle be named as the alternate delegate for Deanery and Convention events.*

Review of Vestry Bylaws: The bylaws will not be amended at this time, but a digital copy will be placed on the church website.

Bishop's Visit - John Biggs: The Bishop will preside at a unified service on February 19, 2017.

Following a prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

NEXT VESTRY MEETING – March 14, 2017

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Carle  
Vestry Clerk