

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION
VESTRY MINUTES
May 10, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Vestry members in attendance: Fr. David Lynch, Senior Warden John Biggs, Jim Gilligan, Ken Griechen, Meg Swant, and Les Woodward

Absent: Buzz Atkinson, Janeece Buckner, Frances Lingrel, and Luke Pearce

The meeting was opened with a prayer and acceptance of the April 18, 2017 minutes (SEE ATTACHED).

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS:

Building and Grounds - Les Woodward for Luke Pearce: There is nothing new to report.

Hospitality - Meg Swant: An ice cream social is planned after the 10:30 service on May 21 to celebrate the end of school. Quiche and muffins, along with cake, will be served to celebrate Pentecost on June 4th at 9 a.m.

Pastoral Care - Janeece Buckner: The group continues to meet monthly. Several parishioners are on the prayer list.

Outreach - Ken Griechen: Committee members cooked a meal for 60 for Uplift. In July, the group expects to support the school district by delivering meals each weekday to Blue Springs children in need (the Summer Feeding program).

Growth and Planning - John Biggs: The group met on April 22. Lighting is planned for the brick signage in the church yard. A new metal "the Episcopal Church Welcomes You" sign has been obtained and the group currently plans to place it where the old sign was at the southeast corner of the church property (making it grandfathered). Temporary banners have been purchased to invite community members to First Sunday services/breakfast; the hope is that we can obtain Diocesan grant funds to pay for the signs. Family nights are being discussed, including a bowling outing or a T-Bones game. Planning for a church-wide survey is progressing. Guest Sunday will be June 4; parishioners are encouraged to bring someone to church with them. There will be an outdoor worship with the Lutheran church in June. Fr. David will be attending a golf tournament this Friday; it is being sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Safety - Fr. David: The group will meet next Saturday to assess needs for the building.

Worship - Fr. David for Frances Lingrel: The Lenten Ecumenical and Holy Week services were all well-attended. Pentecost, June 4, will also be "Welcome" Sunday. The planned survey will include a question about additional services (perhaps a mid-week Eucharist or another weekend service) desired by parishioners.

Communications - Fr. David for Jim Gilligan: A meeting will be scheduled to start discussions and the website continues to be updated.

Stewardship - Fr. David for Buzz Atkinson: No further updates at this time.

Education - Fr. David for Les Woodward: Gabriela Benson extended her hours for the first time last week to care for the parish children during the first Sunday breakfast. Vestry members briefly discussed what types of activities

parishioners would like in between services. A working group to find speakers - perhaps once per quarter - will be established.

LEADERSHIP REPORTS:

Jr. Warden - Les Woodward: One or two contractors will be asked for bids on the narthex expansion project based on refined criteria and the architectural plan, which was reviewed by the group. A used stove and microwave have been purchased for \$100; they will be installed and certain cabinets will be repositioned to accommodate the appliances. The specific placement of both was discussed. An Episcopal church metal shield is proposed to be added to the corner of the existing brick sign. Fr. David will find out how much this addition will cost. Les Woodward offered to cut and paint such a sign if the Vestry wished.

Sr. Warden - John Biggs: Nothing outside what is already on the agenda to report.

Rector - Fr. David Lynch: Pastoral care activities continue. The evangelical event with Presiding Bishop Curry took place on May 6. Ten people from our parish attended and the event went well. Bishop Curry's presentation on evangelism will be available electronically. It was briefly mentioned that the Diocese is working on a way to deploy people and aid when a parish needs help, e.g., flooding in southern Missouri. It was again mentioned that a local golf tournament will be held on Friday and we have donated 170 hand fans for the grab bags that will be available for participants. Parish teams being put into place include an emergency planning team, a security team, and a communications team.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report - Jim Gilligan (SEE ATTACHED): April continued the previous trend of revenues being somewhat below budget but expenses also being below budget. However, year-to-date revenues exceed those from last year. It was noted that the church has changed providers for the altar flowers. Fr. David mentioned that he would like to improve our audio-visual system (including a new laptop) and our scanning capabilities; expected costs are about \$2,000. Our Internet service provider is providing very slow service through DSL, so other options may be explored.

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

RESOLVED, that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Calendar Items - Fr. David Lynch: Five of our parishioners will be confirmed or received on May 21 at Church of the Redeemer. June 4 is Pentecost and the last date that the choir will sing until fall. Two of our choir members will be graduating and leaving us to pursue more permanent opportunities. Vaughn Scarcliff will be given a bonus for his extra efforts during Lent and Easter, and the church will incur a small charge to hire two singers for the Pentecost service. On June 3, the mid-term Diocesan convention will take place; John Biggs, Jim Gilligan, and Fr. David Lynch plan to attend. Budget issues are expected to be the primary topic at this meeting.

Church Security Committee - Fr. David Lynch: A group will meet on Saturday for a formation meeting. Two Vestry members (Meg Swant and John Biggs) attended a security seminar a few weeks ago and will share information gleaned from that event with the committee members.

Capital Campaign - Fr. David Lynch: The Executive Committee of the Vestry recently met to discuss the possible capital campaign. The Vestry will be informed of construction cost estimates once they are obtained.

Confirmation - Fr. David Lynch: Confirmations will take place on May 21 at 4 p.m. at Church of the Redeemer.

Rector Vacation Plans - John Biggs: Fr. David will be on vacation from June 6 through June 13 and from June 28 through July 7.

Men's Group (Men in Ministry) - John Biggs: A successful first meeting of the men's group took place at the Lynch's home on May 3. The group plans to meet every two months on the fourth Thursday for fellowship; the next meeting will be at the Biggs' home on July 27.

Following a prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

NEXT VESTRY MEETING – June 14, 2017

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Carle
Vestry Clerk