

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION  
VESTRY MINUTES  
December 13, 2016

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

Vestry members in attendance: Fr. David Lynch, John Biggs, Bill Carle, Jim Gilligan, Randy Goyer, Kitty Hampton, Mary Liddle, Frances Lingrel, Luke Pearce, and Janet Woodward

Absent: None

Visitors: Buzz Atkinson

The Vestry adopted and approved by unanimous consent and without discussion all items listed under the Consent Agenda including the:

- a) November 9, 2016 minutes;
- b) Treasurer's report; and
- c) ATTACHED REPORTS (Worship Committee and Growth and Planning Committee).

The following items were discussed briefly:

LEADERSHIP REPORTS:

Jr. Warden - Randy Goyer: The snow removal contract has been signed and returned. A clogged sewer pipe from the kitchen was cleaned out recently for \$450. Parishioners are again asked to run hot water for a long time after using the disposal. The junior warden will start using a biological cleaner and running hot water through the pipe once a month. The flooring in the sacristy has been replaced by Ray and Frances Lingrel and Les Woodward. A new sink for the sacristy has been purchased but not yet installed.

Sr. Warden - Bill Carle: A reminder that annual reports from each parish group should be submitted by January 10 to Jim Gilligan, who will collate them for the Annual Meeting. Bishop Marty's visit is still on the calendar for February 19, 2017.

Rector - Fr. David Lynch: Pastoral Care has been active this month because several parishioners are in the hospital. The Diocesan Convention events have been reported on the Diocesan website; Fr. David will refer parishioners there for further information. Fr. David will be away from the church on December 15 and 16 on personal business, but he noted that Fr. Mark McGuire has agreed to be the parish contact for pastoral needs. The recent Choral Evensong was quite successful with 85 people in attendance; the Hospitality Committee provided refreshments following the service. The November 19 Life Transitions Seminar and a recent visit from Saint Nicholas (Dave Swant) were both successful as well.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS:

Hospitality - Janet Woodward: The Holiday Brunch and Cookie Exchange was very successful with nearly 20 people in attendance.

Outreach - Randy Goyer: All of the routine outreach programs continue, with the exception of the Pills for Haiti, which has been suspended for the time being. The Community Service League's Christmas Shop gifts have been delivered and collections to support the Seldon, Kansas family at Christmas have been

made. Buzz Atkinson reported that the Elks Lodge near Seldon may be able to help the family also. The narthex Christmas tree has been turned into a mitten collection tree. Two avenues for partial funding of outreach activities are currently being pursued.

#### DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

**2017 BUDGET AND STEWARDSHIP - Jim Gilligan (SEE ATTACHED):** For 2016, the church continues to be under-budget with regard to expenses (except building and grounds) and under-budget with regard to income, resulting in a year-to-date shortfall of revenues to cover expenses of approximately \$12,000. This is slightly less of a shortfall than had been budgeted. Overall on budget and attendance, the parish is performing as expected for the year.

The stewardship campaign reflects five drops (totaling \$10,960), five new pledges (totaling \$5,120), and net increases in existing pledges of \$5,200. Thus, the 2017 budgeted income will look very similar to the 2016 budgeted income. Expenses will also be close to those budgeted and experienced in 2016, with slight increases in medical insurance and apportionment expense and slight decreases in Rector's expense reimbursements (which reflect the low reimbursement level requested in 2016), property & casualty expenses (reflecting a lower renegotiated expense), and musician expenses (anticipating an extension of the summer schedule). Jim noted that \$1,500 in agreed-upon reimbursable moving expenses for the Rector needs to be included in anticipated expenses. Overall, a deficit of approximately \$10,000 is again anticipated for 2017.

A discussion of the options available to balance the 2017 budget ensued. Various actions were thoroughly discussed and the Vestry agreed that the most viable option was to decrease the apportionment payment to the Diocese by the amount of the shortfall.

Jim Gilligan made the following motion, which was seconded by Frances Lingrel and approved unanimously by voice vote:

*RESOLVED, that the Treasurer and Rector are hereby authorized to notify the Treasurer of the Diocese of West Missouri that the Church of the Resurrection will be unable to pay its assessed 2017 apportionment as presented and instead covets to pay a minimum of \$14,000 in 2017.*

**VESTRY BY-LAWS - Mary Liddle (SEE ATTACHED):** The by-laws presented to the parish for approval on January 28, 2001, were briefly reviewed, and slight modifications to reflect actual practices were discussed. The changes discussed will be drafted and the amended by-laws will be presented for approval at a future Vestry meeting.

**2017 VESTRY MEMBERSHIP - Fr. David Lynch and Bill Carle:** The following individuals will be leaving the Vestry in January after completing a three-year term: Randy Goyer, Kitty Hampton, and Janet Woodward. Also, Bill Carle and Mary Liddle, who each agreed to stay on the Vestry for a year in order to smooth the Rector transition, will be leaving the Vestry as planned after fulfilling one year of their official three-year term. Thus, three individuals are needed to fill three-year terms and two individuals are needed to fill two year terms. A discussion of possible candidates ensued.

**PROPOSAL FOR A PARISH MEMORIAL GARDEN - Bill Carle (SEE ATTACHED):** The Columbarium Board has drafted a proposal to create a memorial garden on the grounds of the church. The proposal was thoroughly discussed and Vestry members were in agreement that the proposal may proceed. It was also agreed that the \$1,300 in initial costs (for a weather-resistant cast bronze plaque) will come from the

Memorials and Gifts fund. Jim Gilligan made the following motion, which was seconded by Kitty Hampton and approved unanimously by voice vote:

*RESOLVED, that the Columbarium Board be authorized to establish a Memorial Garden, set appropriate guidelines for the operation of the garden, and to buy a suitable plaque to list the names of those whose cremated remains are interred in the garden; and,*

*FURTHER RESOLVED, that funds necessary to purchase the plaque be funded from the Memorials and Gifts restricted fund.*

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

NEXT VESTRY MEETING – January 10, 2017

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Carle  
Vestry Clerk