

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION  
VESTRY MINUTES  
January 9, 2019

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

Vestry members in attendance: Fr. David Lynch, Senior Warden John Biggs, Junior Warden Les Woodward, Buzz Atkinson, Janece Buckner, Jim Gilligan, Ken Griechen, Meg Swant, Arla Witte-Simpson, and Jim Whitaker

Absent: none

Guests: Vaughn Scarcliff

The meeting was opened at 7 p.m. with a devotion and acceptance of the December 12, 2018 minutes (SEE ATTACHED).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building & Grounds - Les Woodward and Vaughn Scarcliff: The Navy has been apprised (through the annual letter and a picture) of the satisfactory condition of the brass bell loaned to the church. The new organ will be installed at the church on January 14 or 15. Vaughn provided a written report of the organ's status (SEE ATTACHED) and stated that he had gone to Lincoln, Nebraska, and was able to play the organ there. Sunday will be the last time the old organ will be used for a service; Vaughn believes that it will be given to the University of Nebraska's music department. [Vaughn then left the meeting.]

Hospitality Committee - Meg Swant: Cookies were provided for Christmas service and cakes were provided for the recent baptism and for Epiphany. Additional help is being requested for first Sunday breakfasts.

Pastoral Care - Janece Buckner: The Visiting Eucharistic Ministry program is about set and will initially be arranged for 10 or 11 homebound individuals. The pastoral care person working with an individual will be rotated about every 90 days.

Outreach - Ken Griechen: All of the outreach ministries are operating smoothly. Fr. David was able to obtain \$800 from the deanery to help offset expenses incurred to feed Blue Springs' low-income apartment residents monthly.

Education and Planning - Fr. David: There will be a new members group meeting in between services perhaps twice a year to help orient newcomers to the Episcopal church. A confirmation class will begin in Lent. Bill Stancil will be with us to speak on a Lenten topic between services on March 24 and 31.

Parish Life - Fr. David: There will be a committee meeting on Saturday to prepare an initial draft of the church calendar for 2019.

Worship - Fr. David: A new evening service will begin on February 17; it will be followed by a soup and bread supper.

Communications - Jim Gilligan: The Church website has been updated with a few more changes, including rotating pictures of church life.

Stewardship - Buzz Atkinson and Jim Gilligan (SEE ATTACHED): The 2019 stewardship campaign is nearly completed. There have been 6 new pledges, but 5 have dropped (due to moves and deaths). The net dollar amount increase in pledges is \$5,550 at this point; it may increase before the annual meeting.

Emergency Planning - Jim Whitaker: No updates needed at this time.

#### FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report - Jim Gilligan (SEE TENTATIVE FINANCIALS ATTACHED): Tentative calendar year 2018 revenues and expenses were discussed. Plate offerings (\$28,861) were substantially more than budgeted (\$12,500). Pledge offerings were over that budgeted because of a prepayment of 2019 offerings. As a result, total revenues were 117 percent of those budgeted. Expenses were 102 percent of those budgeted, primarily because of the unplanned purchase of an air conditioner. While the 2018 budget reflected expected expenses to exceed revenues by over \$23,000, actual expenses only exceeded revenues by slightly more than \$3,000. The primary reason for this is the increased plate receipts.

In a brief discussion of restricted funds, it was noted that there is \$17,851 in the organ and music fund, but the final \$28,306 bill is expected when the organ is delivered next week. The difference is due from 5 pledging families which are expected to submit their pledged amounts soon. Monies will be borrowed from other funds to make the payment and will be readjusted once the pledged monies are received.

A tentative 2019 budget was discussed. The presented budget balanced expenses to revenues by reducing the assessed apportionment to \$10,000. The amount of apportionment that the parish is able to pay was discussed and may be adjusted in the final budget. It was noted that several hundred dollars in additional pledges may be received before the final budget is prepared; no additional expenses are expected. Buzz Atkinson made the following motion, which was seconded by John Biggs and passed unanimously by voice vote:

*RESOLVED, that the 2019 preliminary budget, with any discussed adjustments, be approved for presentation to the congregation.*

Documentation of vote between meetings – Jim Gilligan: After the December 2018 Vestry meeting, the following was unanimously agreed upon by email vote: KELLY: ADD WHO MOVED AND SECONDED IF AVAILABLE! THERE MAY ALSO BE BETTER WORDING IN THE EMAIL

*RESOLVED, that The Reverend David Lynch and Music Director Vaughn Scarcliff be paid bonuses of \$500 and \$300, respectively, prior to December 31, 2018.*

#### LEADERSHIP REPORTS:

Jr. Warden - Les Woodward: Nothing further to report.

Sr. Warden - John Biggs: The annual meeting will be held on February 10; reports from leadership are due on January 15. There will be one service on February 10 at 9:30 a.m.; the meeting will follow with a potluck in the undercroft afterwards. Currently there are three individuals running to replace the three retiring Vestry members (Janece Buckner, Jim Gilligan, and Ken Griechen). Nominations may be taken from the floor. If ballots are needed, the nominating committee will perform the counting duty.

Rector - Fr. David Lynch: Several individuals and families are receiving pastoral care. Christmas services were well-attended with approximately 60 attending each service on Christmas Eve. Pastor Florio from the local Presbyterian church has offered a working copier to the church if we would like it; this was discussed briefly but no decision was made. Lisa Twitty has agreed to take on the acolyte leadership role that Ray Lingrel has been handling. Fr. David would like to have a ministry fair soon. Possible attendance at a stewardship seminar in Asheville NC was discussed briefly.

#### DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Safeguarding God's Church – John Biggs: Vestry members are working on this program.

Nominating Committee – John Biggs: Nothing further needs to be discussed.

Organ Progress – Fr. David Lynch: Nothing further needs to be discussed.

All Saints Lutheran Church – Fr. David Lynch: This church is searching for a new pastor and Fr. David is standing by to help them as need be in the interim.

Picture Directory on cell phones – John Biggs: Free placement of the recently completed picture directory on cell phones was discussed. It is located at <https://mobiledirectory.lifetouch.com/166738/episcopal-church-of-the-resurrection> and the password is 22842.

Audit Committee – Fr. David Lynch: An audit committee for the 2017 and 2018 years is being formed. Pat Carle and Mary Liddle have agreed to participate and others will be added to the group.

Men's Group - Fr. David: The group will meet at the Biggs' home on January 17, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., and all men are invited to attend.

“Soup”erbowl Party – Arla Witte-Simpson: All parishioners are invited to attend a party for the Superbowl at the Witte-Simpson home. Soups will be collected for the St. Michaels' food pantry. Chili and burgers will be provided and all attending should bring side dishes and drinks.

Following a prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

NEXT VESTRY MEETING – February 13, 2019

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Carle for Secretary Kelly Blankenship