

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY MINUTES OF JULY 16, 2015

The vestry met on Thursday, July 16, 2015 at 3:30 a.m. in the Canterbury Room at St. Luke's Church. Present were Barbara Sajna, Rector; Karen Schwartz, Junior Warden; and vestry members, Norma Bramsen, Judy Bush, Norma Bramsen, Ray Osinski, David Skidmore, Roberta Thelen, and Sarah Wright. Also present was Jane Weis, Clerk.

Barb Sajna presided.

Norma Bramsen provided the devotions.

Agenda – was approved as distributed.

Vestry Minutes – it was moved by Ray Osinski and seconded by David Skidmore to accept the minutes of the June vestry meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – not present – (Karen Schwartz reported on some of these items.)

- **Financials** –Financial sheets were sent to the vestry. The Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2015 indicated total assets of \$267,762.67. The Expense to Budget Performance of January through June 2015 reflected a total net income of \$242,064.71 and total expenses of \$71,687.79 reflecting a surplus of \$170,376.92. There were questions about special items in the financial reports which were discussed. It was suggested that the budgeted income items be listed in the next report. The monthly report will be filed for audit.
- **Investment Options** – Doug investigated several investment options and it was determined that Fidelity Investments offered the best options and the vestry agreed to use that company. Norma Bramsen moved and David Skidmore seconded the motion to move 80% of our undesignated bequest funds into Fidelity Investments. The motion passed. The Vestry of St. Lukes Episcopal Church hereby authorizes the establishment of an investment account with Fidelity Investments to implement our Quasi-Endowment Fund for investment purposes.

Vestry Resource Guide Discussion – Chapter V of this Guide devoted to Stewardship was discussed. After devoting 15 minutes to discussion of Stewardship, it was decided to begin discussing the rest of this chapter beginning on page 43, Managing the Gifts, at the next vestry meeting.

Rector's Report

- **Year Extension** – Barb will be asking the Bishop to continue as Rector for another year when he visits in August. It's anticipated that he'll require a letter from the vestry approving that extension.
- **Bishop's Visit** – he will visit St. Luke's on Sunday, August 9. There is a sign-up sheet on clipboard alley to bring food.
- **Parish Picnic** – the all-parish picnic will be held in the Canterbury Room on Sunday, August 16th following the church service. This will replace the coffee hour.
- **Renewal/Works** – we have received our reports back and we will have our first workshop on Thursday, August 13 in the Canterbury Room. Anyone is welcome to come, but all members of the Vestry are expected to attend.
- **Rohr Workshop Report** – the five-week course was finished in July. It was well attended and included a number of summer parishioners.
- **Gorsuch Retreat** – is an invitation to spiritual development and will be held on September 18th and 19th.
- **New Alcohol Policy** – from General Convention will be discussed at the next vestry meeting.
- **Organist** – Barb stated that Sue Raye Hughes will be our new organist and she will play when Alice is not scheduled. It was suggested that we should have a job description for the organist.

Senior Warden – none. Betsy was away.

Junior Warden

- **Sound System in the Canterbury Room** – the 8 panels of the baffles have been installed and some members thought the sound had improved. It was suggested that the rest of the baffles be stood up against the wall to determine if that would improve the sound even more.
- **Signage Follow-up** – there is no update from Carl Zapffe who has been meeting with the Village of Sister Bay regarding the ordinances for signage. It will probably be next spring before we can go ahead with signage, but it was

suggested that we get an estimate from Carol Hartmann. We will look for a place to place the church sign.

- **Propane Gas** – Karen signed a new contract with Lakes Gas for \$1.09 a gallon which is a very good price. She prepaid Lakes Gas in order to get this price.

Committee Reports

- **Web Policy** – David reported on the web policy and described how it works. Ray moved and David seconded to adopt this policy. The motion passed.

New Business –

- Norma suggested that when we do not have enough service sheets on any particular Sunday, that the congregation be instructed to use the prayer books.
- It was also suggested that the blessings for birthdays and anniversaries be continued on the first Sunday of the month.

Old Business - None

Adjournment - There being no further business, Judy moved and Norma seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed.

The next vestry meeting will be held on:

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20 AT 3:30 P.M. IN THE CANTERBURY ROOM!

We will discuss the second part of Chapter V (Stewardship) in the Vestry manual, page 43, Managing the Gifts, at the beginning of the next vestry meeting.

Barb will provide the opening devotions at the August Vestry meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Weis, Clerk