

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15, 2015

The vestry met on Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 2:30 p.m. in the Canterbury Room at St. Luke's Church. Present were Barbara Sajna, Rector; Betsy Rogers, Senior Warden; Karen Schwartz, Junior Warden; and vestry members, Norma Bramsen, Judy Bush, and David Skidmore. Also present were Jane Weis, Clerk and Doug Schwartz, Treasurer.

Barb Sajna presided.

Karen Schwartz provided the devotions.

Agenda – was approved as distributed.

Vestry Minutes – it was moved and seconded to accept the minutes of the September vestry meeting as amended to mount the four remaining acoustical panels (as well as ordering six more). Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

- **Financials** – financial reports were sent to the vestry. The Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2015 indicated total assets of \$287,366.17. The Expense to Budget Performance of January through September 2015 reflected a total net income of \$289,732.97 and total expenses of \$86,938.80 reflecting a surplus of \$202,794.17. The monthly reports will be filed for audit.
- **Marion Marcellus' Gift** – Doug reported that we had received the final disbursement of Marion's gift to St. Luke's. [Betsy Rogers moved and Norma Bramsen seconded to place the \\$11,271.85 into the Reserve Fund-Parking Lot. Motion passed.](#)
- Doug updated us on Church Windows with more information to come.

Rector's Report

- **Convention Update** – Norma and John Bramsen and David Skidmore will be our delegates to the Convention and Barb and Joy will also be attending.
- **Stewardship** - pledge information indicated that nine people have exceeded their pledge, \$91,769 total was pledged and to date we have received \$69,014.
- **Advertising** – we received a bill for advertising from The Advocate. We had previously agreed only to advertise in The Pulse. The Communications Committee is responsible for our advertising and will look into this.
- **Upcoming Deanship** – Barb has been asked to serve as dean of our local deanery. She also told us that the Bishop will conduct a retreat for us at St. Luke's this fall.
- **Fall Classes** – Gwynne's class on the book of Mark is going well as is the Thursday Bible study.
- **Cathedral Roof Repair** – there is much discussion going on in the diocese on how to pay for the repair of the Cathedral roof. There will be more information later.
- **Nominations for Annual Meeting** – the nominating committee will be meeting shortly to nominate vestry candidates as well as convention delegates and alternates for next year.
- **NWTC** – they should be contributing to St. Luke's for the use of our facilities for their classes. More to come.

Senior Warden

- **RenewalWorks Update** – the fourth workshop will be Friday, October 16 in the Canterbury Room.
- **Canterbury Room Use Policy** – Betsy revised the form for use of the Canterbury Room to include pertinent clauses of the national church policy about the use of alcohol on Episcopal

Church properties.. Betsy moved and David seconded the motion to update this policy regarding the use of alcohol in the building. Motion passed.

Junior Warden

- **Update on Panels** – Doug and David will install the 4 additional sound panels and Karen has ordered 6 more panels for a cost of \$467.99. This was agreeable to the vestry.
- **Chair Glides** – have been ordered.
- **Emergency Lighting** – has been repaired.
- **Entrance Walkway** – Lakeside has been called to repair the dip in the brick walkway.
- **Signage Follow-up** – Karen reported that discussions and designs for the outdoor signage will be done in the spring.

Committee Reports

- **Movie Night** – was very successful with 14 people attending.
- **Stewardship** – Norma reported that their team consists of Karen, Doug, Norma, John, David and Betsy. Betsy has written a stewardship letter which will be mailed soon.
- **Outreach** – Judy Bush said the Outreach Committee will sell Fair Trade items to our church which will benefit third-world countries. She will begin with just coffee, tea, chocolate, and perhaps some Christmas items.
- **Door of Life Food Pantry** – Barb announced that Door of Life church in Sister Bay has a food pantry which is open to anyone in need. We will have a food drive in November to assist with this program.
- **Update on the Executive Council** – David Skidmore reported that the Bishop is serious about changing the culture of the diocese. Proper financial oversight within the diocese was discussed and how it potentially might be handled.

Old Business – none.

New Business – none.

Adjournment - There being no further business, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

SPECIAL NOTE:

**THE NEXT VESTRY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 FOLLOWING THE COFFEE HOUR IN THE CANTERBURY
ROOM!**

Jane will provide the opening devotions at the November Vestry meeting.

Vestry Handbook – pages 47-52 regarding many areas of stewardship were discussed.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Weis, Clerk