

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 2017

The vestry met on Friday, June 16, 2017 in the Canterbury Room at St. Luke's Church at 1:45 p.m. Present were Barbara Sajna, Rector; and vestry members: Ralph Blankenburg, Norma Bramsen, Judy Bush, Steve Elliott, and George Hughes. Also present were Jane Weis, Clerk; and Karen Schwartz, Treasurer.

Barb Sajna distributed a copy of scripture reflections on which she asked the vestry to read and reflect.

Agenda – Steve Elliott moved and Judy Bush seconded to accept the agenda as distributed. Motion passed.

Vestry Minutes – George Hughes moved and Ralph Blankenburg seconded to accept the minutes of the May vestry meeting as revised. Motion passed. (A copy of the revised minutes with the corrections are filed with the May minutes.)

Rector's Report

- **Diemer Bequest** – arrived in the amount of \$79,707.72. Karen suggested two options for deposit. A thank you note will be sent to the Diemer family.
- **John Hauser Membership/Candidacy/Discernment** – Barb noted that John Hauser will be received into the Episcopal Church by the Bishop upon his visit to St. Luke's on June 25th. John is a former Roman Catholic and upon his being received, he will enter the discernment process.
- **CCV** – was held on Sunday, June 11 and 19 people attended. The program involved an in depth discussion on the strengths and weaknesses of the parish. The program was well received by those who attended.
- **Bishop's Visitation** – will be on Sunday, June 25 when we expect to have a Baptism, a Confirmation and John Hauser will be received as he enters the discernment process. There will be a reception with everyone being asked to bring food items.
- **Gettel Concert** – there will be a concert by the Ladies' Colegium under the direction of Jenny Gettel at St. Luke's Church on Saturday, June 24 at 7:00 p.m. There will be a free will offering.
- **Newsletter** – Joanne Skidmore is concerned about the advisability of continuing to prepare and distribute the Newsletter each month. It is becoming increasingly difficult to get articles from parishioners to publish in the Newsletter. It costs about \$1,200 annually to print and distribute this publication. It was determined that she will continue to prepare the Newsletter for July and August and revisit the advisability of continuing this publication in September.
- **Taize Report** – Barb reported that there was a smaller group attending this service than attended last time. There were about 11 people who attended.

Senior Warden's Report

- **Sound System** – Betsy Rogers had distributed a statement to the vestry regarding the additional cost for the sound system. Ralph Blankenburg moved and Norma Bramsen seconded to approve the additional cost of \$302.93 for the sound system for a total amount of \$9,368.93. Motion passed.
- **Memorial Garden Policy Review** – Norma had previously sent copies to the vestry of the Terms and Conditions agreement form for the St. Luke's Church Memorial Garden and the Interment Agreement Form. Norma moved and Judy Bush seconded to accept these documents as presented. Motion passed.
- **Vestry Potluck** –Ralph and Kathy Blankenburg have offered to host this event at their home on Saturday, September 9.

Junior Warden – Doug was not present. His report will be given at the next vestry meeting.

Treasurer's Report

- **Financials** – financial reports were sent to the vestry. The Balance Sheet as of May 31, 2017 indicated total assets of \$293,267.37. The expense to budget performance of January – May reflected a total net income of \$8,834.75 and total expenses of \$21,840.45 indicating a deficit of \$13,005.70 which was partially explained by the cost of building improvements which included the sound system and hearing loop. Various other items were discussed. The monthly reports will be filed for audit.
- **New Bookkeeper** –Juliana Neuman has shown initiative in working with Church Windows.
- **Financial Review** – was held on May 24 and each vestry person received a copy of the review. The Diemer bequest was discussed above. [Ralph Blankenburg moved and Norma Bramsen seconded to deposit 85% of the Diemer bequest to the Legacy Fund in the amount of \\$67,751.56 and 15% to our savings account in the amount of \\$11,956.16. Motion passed.](#)

Committee Reports

- **Outreach -** Judy Bush reported that there was no final number on the income from the church rummage sale because expenses had not been reported, but they took in \$308 from food sales and \$521 from the sale of rummage. The final amount will be sent to Secret Santa, YMCA, and Doctors without Borders.
- **Hearing Loop** – Steve Elliott reported that the Hearing Loop has been helpful to him and George Hughes suggested that we purchase a dozen (12) disposable hearing buds. The vestry approved this purchase.
- **Carpet** – Karen suggested that the carpet be cleaned. The vestry approved this expense.

Old Business – none

New Business – none.

Adjourn – the meeting was adjourned.

The next vestry meeting will be held on Thursday, July 20 at 1:30 p.m. in the Canterbury Room.

Barb will do devotions for the July meeting using the spiritual reflections which were distributed.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Weis, Clerk