

St Luke's Episcopal Church Vestry meeting  
Sunday, October 21, 2018  
MINUTES

Present: Barb Sayna, George Hughes, Carol Ann Osinski, Ralph Blankenburg, Betsy Rogers, Karen Malzahn, Karen Schwartz, Doug Schwartz. Ray Osinski also attended

Barb began the meeting with a meditation.

Procedural:

Agenda is accepted as proposed.

Minutes of the September meeting were accepted with minor updates.

Substantive

1. Rector's Report

A. Convention Report

The budget is balanced. New innovative programs are being offered: Faithful Innovations, following The Way of Love, Practices for Jesus-Centered Lives. Friday morning was focused on listening and how we we can increase our listening activities (see F. below)

B. Joy is finishing up details for the 2-day Final Gifts seminar. There will be 3 meetings the week of the 22nd under the umbrella of Focus on Fairness. They are open to the public and will be held at the Kress Center in Egg Harbor

C. The Blshop's visit was was focused on how we extend; our reach out into the community.

D. St. Luke's has recruited 12 volunteers for the Thanksgiving dinner, sponsored by Flrst Baptist Church. This is double our goal.

E. We will table till Spring the idea of a "Welcome All" street sign as there are a number of village rules requiring they be temporary and how many days a temporary sign can be displayed.

F. During the most recent Vestry seminar, the Vestry focused on: how to best reach out into the community; how to broaden listening sessions within St. Lukes; what are the hope and dreams of St. Luke's parishioners; and how to address technical change (practical solution) and adaptive change (values and traditions).

G. Barb will require an alternative person for sermons for Nov 1 (Joy) and Nov 15 (Kathy Blankenburg) while she is recuperating from cataract surgery.

H. The annual stewardship letter will be going out by the end of October with a requested deadline of Nov 30.

I. Nominating committee: Ralph, Steve and Barb are the committee and are looking for volunteers. They will also be coming up with names for Convention delegates.

Ralph and Steve are going off the Vestry, Betsy will become Senior Warden and George will become Junior Warden, replacing Doug. That leaves 4 openings on the Vestry.

2. Senior Warden Report

- A. The Convention offered the message that all congregations are connected to each other. We are bridges to each other. The next convention is October 25 and 26, 2019.
  - B. Stewardship campaign, covered elsewhere
3. Junior Warden Report
- A. We are still waiting for a visit from Forestville about the deteriorating wall adjacent to the front door.
  - B. The shed has been removed and the well properly sealed. Awaiting bill from Euclid.
  - C. Do we need to replace shed for storage? Inventory what needs covered storage. Could the area under the deck be enclosed? Should a reserve account be established to purchase a new shed?
  - D. Flag poles have been taken down. There was a misunderstanding on removing all 3 poles. A motion was made, seconded and passed to replace one pole for display of the Episcopal flag.
4. Treasurer's Report
- A. YTD we are \$22K behind in income due to unfulfilled pledges of deceased or folks moving away. Expenses exceed income, but it is expected the deficit to be made up by year end with additional year-end pledge payments.
  - B. Budget process will begin in early November.
  - C. The three individuals that will assume the Treasurer's role will determine responsibilities relative to reporting at the monthly Vestry meeting.
5. Committees
- Carpet in Canterbury Room seems to be well received. People are commenting on better sound quality, less bouncing.
6. Old Business
- Doug continues to recommend professional asset management. It was suggested that possibly our current assets could be combined with those of the Diocese Common Trust. Mother Barb and David will check on the status of the Diocese fund selection.
7. New Business
- A. A suggestion was made to pick one Sunday a month to collect for the food pantry. Mother B. Barb will talk to the Outreach Committee to decide which would be best.
  - B. Welcome Bags will now be done by Jude
  - C. Paul N. will begin to pick up/deliver clothing from the Meadows to Clothe My People.
  - D. Maya Angelou poster has been ordered
  - E. We need to consider some sort of screening for the opening between the Canterbury Room and kitchen. Carol Ann will look into this.
  - F. The Scandia Christmas Tea will be held on Dec 11 at 1:30.
  - G. Lessons and Carols will be held in Jacksonport on December 9.
  - H. Christmas Eve service will be held at 4PM.
  - I. Listening Process Procedure will be addressed at November meeting

Adjourned. Next Meeting November 11, following coffee hour.

