

Vestry Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2016

In Attendance: Darlene Cross, Fr. John Dwyer, Jan Fillmore, Elizabeth Grayden, Jeff Jensen, Chris Lacher, Becky Lucas, Mary Pendergrass, Barb Swanson, Kathy Ackerman, Ann DePaolis-Jones

Not in Attendance: Mike Sirany, Harold Danley

Reading: The Search for a New Congregation,

Volunteer for Pulse of the Parish: January 1, 2017, 9:30 am Jan

Approval of November 21 Minutes: Kathy moved we accept the November minutes as written and Darlene seconded the motion. The November minutes were approved.

Financial Report: Father John reported that at 91.67% of the year, we are \$1701 in the black for the month and \$5363 in the red for the year. Ruth estimates that we will use \$8-9000 of the \$11,000 surplus this year, leaving some to carry over into the 2017 budget. We are a little low on income which is at 86.55%, while expenses are at 87.78%. Building use is at 76.35% due to the lack of kitchen rental.

Ongoing Business

LED Light Bulbs: The light fixtures in the upstairs hallways and the sanctuary have been almost completely replaced with the new LED bulbs. There is one row above the choir that needs an electrician to repair. Don changed the bulbs in the chandeliers and is working on the lights in the cove spaces. We are looking forward to seeing how this will impact our budget. We saved some money on the bulbs so are getting bids for replacing the steeple lights with LEDs. Don and Bruce are looking into adding some insulation in the space by the windows that are in the coves.

Stewardship and Budget: The finance team approved an update to the 2017 budget because of additional funds coming in. We are ahead of last year in pledges. Father John shared the pledge comparisons between this year and next year as well as the updated proposed budget which is considered to be a conservative budget. We reviewed the additions to the previously proposed budget that reflects an increase in pledges. Chad and Marion have both agreed to stay on even though their hours were cut for next year. Finance has recommended this balanced budget to the vestry for approval. Chris moved that the updated budget be approved and Mary seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mardi Gras Fundraiser: We received two requests to organize and run the Mardi Gras fundraiser, one from Chad for the youth trip this summer, and one from Robert for First Nations Kitchen. There was a discussion about our obligation to First Nations Kitchen. We historically have done this fundraiser for this organization. Jeff moved that we award the fundraising opportunity to

Chad and the youth group contingent on their accepting the responsibility of organizing and conducting the fundraiser. Becky seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

New Business

Rosefest Parade: Allison volunteered to lead the effort for us to march in the parade in June and the Green Team is interested in participating. Jan will go to the next green team meeting and will clarify their interest. Chris suggested that the bagpipers may be interested in marching for us, but they would need to be contacted soon. The parade is Monday June 26, 2017. Participation in the parade will help us promote what we are doing that is positive in the community.

Children's Education Pilot: We've had feedback from families with young children who report that is hard to be here for 3 hours on a Sunday. How can we address this? Marion and Fr. John suggest we try something new for four Sundays in spring 2017. As a trial, one Sunday per month for four months, there won't be regular children's faith formation. On these Sundays children will come with their parents at 10:30 and Marion will lead them in the Chapel. They will join their parents at the Peace.

Annual Meeting: The annual meeting is January 22, 2017 after the 9:30 am service. The vestry hosts this event. Vestry members will provide egg bakes, and we will supplement with salad and breads from Costco.

Mission Opportunity Grant: Marion requested \$1200 to organize and run VBS for 2017. Marion provided a document supporting this grant as outreach/mission. Finance team reviewed and recommended the request for approval. Jeff moved that we approved the grant request and Kathy seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Fundraising Request: Chad submitted a request to do a "Raisable" campaign on social media to benefit mission formation for youth. Fr. John will require that we have signed permission from all parents whose children are participating and that safeguards are in place. Mary moved we accept the fundraiser request and Becky seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Shoutouts:

Don Shiek for installation of the LED bulbs

Ruth Thillen for her continuing efforts in her administration work for the parish

All involved in putting on the Lessons and Carols event

Rector and Warden Comments

Member Comments and Concerns

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Submitted by Ann DePaolis-Jones