

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Vestry Minutes

March 25, 2018

Having determined that a quorum was present, Rev. Sierra opened with prayer at 12:03 pm. Present were Rector - Rev. Sierra Reyes, Junior Warden - Jim Robertson, Treasurer - Patrick Priest, Clerk - Suzanne Bady, Amanda Ayres, Bonnie Weeber, Eve Barbaria, Jean Allardice, Jeanne Griffiths, Robert Weidmann, Financial Administrator – Mike Kallas and Parish Administrator – Mike LeClaire. Senior Warden – Mary Wamsley, Anne Block, and Jan Jacobs were excused.

Patrick Priest moved to accept the minutes of the January meeting, seconded by Amanda Ayres; motion passed.

CLERGY – Rev. Sierra is enjoying getting to know the parishioners of St. Luke's. Holy Week is on its way. There will be two baptisms at the Easter Vigil on Saturday night. She indicated that she was looking forward to the Vestry retreat in June.

Rev. Sierra then turned the meeting over to Mike LeClaire. Mike LeClaire and Cathi Long attended a conference, The Caffeinated Church, at the cathedral last week. Our church is in competition with other churches to engage new parishioners. To encourage new folks, we need to “brand” our church. For example; develop a logo, create a graphic design with a color scheme to be used on all stationery as well as our web site, create an E-newsletter, and develop a phone tree for voice and text messages. Social media suggested that the use of Facebook be strongly encouraged. Our corner of 13th and Quebec is set up for banners but Mike said that they don't work and are against the law. It would be wonderful if the sermons by Rev. Sierra could be on line so that all parishioners could hear them. Mike advised that we are now able to use “on line” giving. The conference indicated that technology is absolutely necessary for the church to succeed.

SENIOR WARDEN – Mary Wamsley sent out her report and attached the outreach committee report. There were no questions.

JUNIOR WARDEN – Jim Robertson discussed his report. There are many items of concern in regard to the upkeep, and repair of the building. For example, the location and condition of the asbestos in the building (no problem if it is not touched, a problem if it is touched), location of lead paint if any, and repair of lights in the parking lot and on the 13th Avenue side of the church. The safety committee has met and a letter will be sent to the parish requesting people to agree to become the “go to” people. These people would be trained to aide others in case of physical, chemical or environmental problems. The magic number would be 18 people. The problem is that it is difficult to balance the safety of the church with the welcoming feel of the church. Rev. Sierra suggested that a spread sheet be created with all concerns prioritized so that each could be addressed individually.

TREASURER – Patrick Priest noted that collections are down. He is in the process of changing the names of the signers on the Vanguard accounts. Patrick moved to accept the 2018 budget, seconded by Eve Barbaria; the motion passed with one negative vote.

PLANNING REPORTS

ADULT FORMATION – Robert Weidmann contacted Gordy Tucker. The following are the current education opportunities:

The Lenten Series “The Upper Room” continues through March 28th.

“Children of Kenya” presented by Wendy Phillips will be on Sunday, April 8th 9-10 am in the Library.

“A Mighty Fortress is our God”, a four-week series facilitated by Tom Strickland and Gordy Tucker will start on April 15th and continue through May 13th, 9-10-am in the Library.

“B’midbar (Numbers)”, our Interfaith study with Rodef Shalom, resumes on April 11th continuing through May 9th, 6:30-8:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

PRAYER CHAIN - Robert Weidmann spoke with Rene’ Gash and all is well with the group.

MUSIC MINISTRIES – Eve Barbaria spoke with Tom Strickland and he said that it is “smooth going”. They are working on the music for Easter. Jeanne Griffiths told us that some of the music they are performing was composed by Tom.

NURSERY – Suzanne Bady reported that they had a wonderful though rather noisy group today. Everything is going well in the nursery.

OUTREACH – Jean Allardice reported that the committee is working on developing their policies and procedures as they are now a Standing Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Rev. Sierra said that the Parish Council will meet in May. The meeting will be to create the 2018-2019 calendar. No specific date has been set.

Rev. Sierra will meet with Dr. Deb Deverell and the chancellor of the Diocese regarding the use of the parking lot when the chancellor returns to Colorado.

Rev. Sierra discussed the reporting by the vestry on the various groups in the parish. Reports by the vestry members will continue.

Move to adjourn by Bonnie Weeber, seconded by Jean Allardice; motion passed. Adjournment was at 1:00 pm following the recitation of the Lord’s prayer.

Faithfully submitted,

Suzanne M. Bady, Clerk