

St. James Vestry Minutes

January 10, 2017

Present - Linda Young (Rector), Doug Adams (Treasurer), Sharon Nitz (Senior Warden), Beth Hatter (Junior Warden), Alex Irwin (Clerk), Tyler Laferriere, Jane Sielken, Rex Burns, Dennis Edgecombe, Roy Johnson

Absent - N/A

Linda opened the meeting with a check in with the vestry members at 6:38pm.

After check in, Linda said a prayer and started the discussion on chapter 8 of God's Grace and Roberts Rules.

- Beth mentioned that the first sentence of the chapter really stuck with her.
- Roy passed out his response that he had typed up and he passed that would to the vestry.

Consent Agenda

- Treasurer's report will be moved to the discussion portion of the meeting.
- Calendar of Events
 - January 13th - Annual Meeting reports are due.
 - January 15th, 4PM - Interfaith service for Martin Luther King Jr. day at the Community Congregational United Church of Christ. Linda will be giving the benediction and blessing.
 - January 29th - Eucharist will be at 9:30am, with a brunch and the Annual Meeting at 10:30.
 - February 28th, 5pm - Shrove Tuesday
 - March 1st - Ash Wednesday. Morning prayer at 8:30am, Eucharist at 7pm.
 - March 18th, 11am - Bishop Ordination in Spokane.
 - March 25th, 9am-3pm - Vestry Retreat, located to be determined.
 - May 6th - Regional Gathering
- Doug motioned to accept the December Minutes, Rector's Report, and the Warden's Report as presented.
- Tyler seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Discussion

- **Recruitment**
 - Sharon has two yes for people to serve the following year on the vestry, Alex Irwin and Eric Pratt. Have a few other potential leads.
 - Convention Delegates -
 - Alex has volunteered, will talk with some other people to see about going.
- **Pectoral Cross**
 - Sharon and Gretchen met with Sam Dial about a design. Sharon passed around an idea of what it will look like.
 - Waiting to hear back from Sam about a Mock-up, mold, etc.
- **Issues with Parish Hall Leaks**
 - Sharon Contacted Steve Petit about roof leaks.
 - Steve looked and went to clear ice and snow, but will be able to look closer at it in the spring, but no imminent issue right now.
- **125th Anniversary Celebration/Mutual Ministry Agreement**
 - The 125th celebration will be the goal for the agreement.
 - Plan is to form a committee consisting of at least 1 vestry member, the rector and other members.
 - Ideas of what to do -
 - Two events to celebrate
 - Image of how we present ourselves to the Pullman Community.
 - How we practice hospitality.
 - Steering committee to include Linda, Beth, Tyler, Jane and Alex.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - Doug Started off by addressing some of the questions Sharon had.
 - One question was about pre-pledged income for those who pay for the full year ahead of time. Doug will look into try to find a way to record it more transparently.
 - One suggestion brought up was if Janice would be able to come explain the questions we had to the vestry.
 - Misc. income is getting worked on getting split out into different categories.
 - Parking Money division -
 - 50% to general fund, 20% to upkeep of the parking lot and maintenance, and 30% to be divided into Outreach.
 - After discussion Sharon moved to accept the December treasurer's report as answered.
 - Jane seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
- **Action Items**
 - Sharon proposed to have the vestry discuss during the discussion portion of the meeting and come up with action items to send out to the congregation.
 - This will start with the February meeting.

- **Decisions**

- Parish Hall roof/ceiling - Not necessary to vote on.
- Rex motioned to move the February vestry meeting from the 14th to the 21st.
- Doug seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned with Compline at 8:30pm.

Minutes submitted by Alex Irwin, Clerk

