

St. James Vestry Minutes
March 14, 2017

Present - Alex Irwin (Clerk) Melissa Williams, Beth Hatter, Linda Young (Rector), Janet Johnson (Office Manager), Todd Butler, Doug Adams (Treasurer), Trina Robinson (Junior Warden)

Absent - Sharon Nitz (Senior Warden), Tyler Laferriere, Rex Burns (Junior Warden), Eric Pratt.

Linda started the meeting at 630pm.

- Linda passed out the book, 'Meditations for Vestry Members'. We read the first couple of pages and went around the room and asked people what this meant to them and reflected on what was said.
 - We were asked to read the rest of the introductions and up through page 3 for the March 25th meeting.
- Linda then did a prayer. After the prayer dhr went around the room and did a check in with the members present.
 - Linda offered an update on Rex.

Consent agenda

- Linda asked to move the Treasurer's Report to the discussion portion of the meeting with Doug present at the meeting.
- Todd made the motion to accept the Minutes and Wardens Reports as presented. Beth seconded the motion, it was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- Doug mentioned some numbers that were incorrect due to some issue with Icon recording it.
- Doug explained what some of the negative numbers meant and stood for.
- Pension fund was paid today, not reflected in February report.
- All in all, we are in good shape financially and Doug is working with Janice about things to fix.

Calendar

- March 18 - Bishop Ordination at 11am at the Cathedral in Spokane. Live streaming of event at St. James.
- March 25 - Vestry retreat from 9-3 at St. Marks in Moscow.
- April 2 - Margaret Rehburg farewell party, after 10:30 service
- Holy week services
 - April 13 - Maundy Thursday at 7pm.
 - April 14 - Good Friday service at 7pm.

- April 15 - Easter Vigil at 7pm.
- April 9 & 16 - Palm Sunday and Easter services, 8am and 1030am.
- May 6 - SE Regional Gathering
- July 22 and October 28 - St. James 125th Anniversary Celebrations.
- October 28 and 29 - Bishop Visitation.

Brainstorming Retreat

- Some team building exercises for new members.
 - Some history of St. James.
 - Maybe something for steering committee.
 - Where does Linda want us to go?

Community Child Care Center

- Leadership is recommending that Gia Gordon to represent St. James on their board of directors.

Lentil Festival

- August 18 & 19.
 - 18th is non-profit night
- Need a chair to lead the Friday event.
- How do we want to be represented?
- Beth nominated herself to be the chair again
 - Will talk to Doug about a budget.

College for Congregational Development

- July 30 - August 5
- Linda is going and is looking for a team to go.
- Alex and Trina showed interest and will check schedules.

Building Use Policy

- Last edited in 2003.
 - Linda passed out a packet with our policy on top, and other congregations policies for reference.
- Linda asked the Vestry members to look over each and come up with some new ideas.
- Todd suggested to put the building use policy on the agenda for the retreat.
- Alex will look over the policy and try to come up with a rough draft for the retreat.

Decisions

Community Child Care Center

- Melissa moved to accept the appointment of Gia Gordon to the Community Child Care Center Board. Beth seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Rectors Discretionary Fund

- Linda asked the Vestry to allow her to open a separate account for the fund.
 - Resolved that Doug Adams and Reverend Linda Young are authorized to set up an additional church checking account for the Rector's Discretionary Fund.
- Beth made the motion to accept the resolution and it was passed unanimously.

Action Items

- Gia's appointment to the Community Child Care Center Board.
- Beth being chair for the Lentil Festival

Next meeting is March 25, from 9-3 at St. Marks.

Meeting was adjourned with Compline at 8:05 pm.

**Minutes submitted by
Alex Irwin, Clerk.**