

**St. James Vestry Minutes  
February 21, 2017**

**Present: Alex Irwin (Clerk), Linda Young (Rector), Jane Sielken, Trina Robinson, Dennis Edgecombe, Doug Adams (Treasurer), Melissa Williams, Eric Pratt, Rex Burns, Tyler Laferriere, Todd Butler, Sharon Nitz (Senior Warden)**

**Absent: Beth Hatter**

**Dinner started at 6:00pm.**

**Linda asked all current members at the dinner to give a brief history of themselves and asked members leaving to talk about their experience on the vestry, and projects they want to keep going.**

**Jane suggested changing the name of the “Vestry Counter” to something else and be more of a point of contact on Sundays, and an in between with the Senior Warden and Rector.**

**Consent Agenda**

- **Linda explained what the consent agenda is to the members and what that will entail.**
  - **Tyler made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Melissa seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.**

**Calendar**

- **February 26 - Installation of Vestry and Wardens.**
- **February 28 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 5pm.**
- **March 1 - Ash Wednesday, 7am and 7pm.**
- **March 18 - Bishop Ordination, 11am at Cathedral in Spokane.**
- **March 25 - Vestry retreat from 9am-3pm at St. Mark's.**
- **April 2 - Margaret Rehburg farewell party, after 10:30 service.**
- **May 6 - Southeast Spring Regional Gathering Meeting.**

**Discussion**

- **Senior and Junior Warden**
  - **Linda explained what the roles of the Junior and Senior Warden do and how they're elected.**
  - **Linda asked if anyone would like to nominate someone or nominate themselves as Junior Warden.**
    - **Rex and Trina said they would be open to being Co-Junior Wardens.**
    - **Doug shared his experience as Junior Warden and Eric shared his about what would possibly be required of them as Junior Wardens.**
- **St. James 125th Anniversary**

- Steering committee had a meeting last month that included Alex Irwin, Linda Young, Jane Sielken and Dianne Lowe.
  - Steering Committee so far consisting of Alex Irwin, Linda Young, Beth Hatter, Tyler Laferriere and Jane Sielken.
- 2 events are being planned
  - 1st event - July 22nd, closest to St. James day. Big family event. OUR gift to the community of Pullman/Moscow.
  - 2nd event - October 28th, Open House but something a little more interactive, include a video looping about why you're an Episcopalian. Also a scavenger hunt with prizes.
    - Open to the community and the Diocese of Spokane.
    - Asked Vestry to OK dates.
    - Next meeting will form 3 different committees; July event, October event ,and communications committee.
    - Tyler mentioned about including what our missions are to the community.
    - Todd mentioned maybe how we would be able to reach the greater community, transportation to and from the event, etc.
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  - Linda proposed the retreat be our April vestry meeting
    - April vestry meeting falls during Holy Week.
- Justice and Compassion
  - Met on February 12th
    - One of the main topics was a backpack program for food on weekends for kids who are school aged.
      - Mostly aimed at free or reduced lunch kids.
      - Beth is putting together a survey to gather information and act as a starting point.
        - Some hurdles - Money
          - \$8 a child, comes out to 4 meals a weekend.
          - 75 kids downstairs, not all will enroll, but checking to see how many.
            - At 50 kids, that would be about \$400 a week.
        - Storage for food
          - Mentions of Chill Room.
        - Might try a lenten discipline to give jars to put change into to help raise money.
        - Melissa suggested talking with the CCES department on campus.
- Community Child Care Center report
  - Request to update the playground and fence.
    - They want to fix a couple parts of the fence and extend the fence to add another playground.

- Not asking for money but asking for permission to expand.
- **Decisions**
  - **Affirmation of Senior Warden**
    - Todd motioned to affirm Sharon as Senior Warden, Tyler seconded. Motion was passed unanimously.
  - **Junior Wardens**
    - Sharon motioned to appoint Rex Burns and Trina Robinson to both serve as Junior Warden for the year. Tyler seconded. Motion was passed unanimously.
  - **3 Year Term**
    - Eric will finish Chris Burns' 3 year term for Vestry.
    - Tyler moved to accept Trina s the member to serve a 3 year term for Vestry. Sharon seconded. Motion was passed unanimously.
  - **125th anniversary**
    - Eric moved to accept the dates as presented. Tyler seconded. Motion was passed unanimously.
  - **April Vestry Meeting**
    - Melissa motioned that the vestry retreat take the place of the April meeting. Tyler seconded. Motion was passed unanimously.
  - **Parochial Report**
    - Linda passed out the Parochial Report to the vestry and explained what it is.
      - Tyler motioned to accept as it stands. Melissa seconded. Motion was passed unanimously.
- **Action Items**
  - Election of Junior Wardens
  - Call for a Community Child Care Center board member
  - Vestry retreat
  - Dates for 125th celebration

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm with compline.

Minutes submitted by  
Alex Irwin, Clerk