

St. James Vestry Minutes
August 8, 2017

Present - Alex Irwin (Clerk), Linda Young (Rector), Sharon Nitz (Senior Warden), Jane Sielken, Janet Johnson, Todd Butler, Doug Adams (Treasurer), Eric Pratt, Trina Robinson (Co-Junior Warden), Rex Burns (Co-Junior Warden)

Absent - Beth Hatter, Charlie Hammerich, Melissa Williams

Linda opened the meeting with a check-in with the vestry at 6:30pm.

Linda opened the meeting instead of with prayer and discussion, read a passage from our compline books. She asked that everyone reflect on it and then we discussed it with another person then as a group.

Consent Agenda

- Rex asked for clarification on something Sharon had in her report about the kitchen and what she meant by forming a group to help maintain the kitchen, fridge, etc.
- Todd moved to accept the consent agenda. Sharon seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Calendar

- August 18 – Lentil Festival booth
- August 20 – Return to two Eucharists on Sunday
- August 26 – Pride festival booth
- August 27 – Social Gather of Vestry at the Nitz’s House
- September 2 – Football parking starts
- September 30 – Regional Gathering Day
- October 20-22 – Diocesan Convention
- October 28 – Open House for 125th anniversary
- October 28-29 – Bishop visitation

Discussion

- **Anniversary steering and picnic**
 - Next meeting is August 27th after the 10:30 service.
 - Linda went around the room and thanked those who helped with the picnic and participated.
- **Social Gathering for Vestry**
 - August 27th at 4:30pm at the Nitz’s
 - Vestry Members and spouses are invited.
- **Justice and compassion committee report**
 - Jane came as a representative of the committee and talked about the backpack program is going.

- The committee is considering it a resounding success
 - Came out with a form for new students coming to the childcare center.
 - Next shipment is on the 22nd or 23rd of august.
 - Bites2Go asked for an estimate on how much we would like for the rest of the school year.
 - Right now we are doing ok on finances, but the group is looking ahead
 - Liz Siler is writing a grant for more money.
 - The vestry appreciates the committee for putting this together and very thankful to them for taking this on and bringing it out to fruition.
 - Trina motioned to accept the committee's reports. The motion was passed unanimously.
- **Tour of church – Updates before October and Choir Robes**
- Doug mentioned a few projects that we have been milling around the church.
 - One project was new carpeting in the parish hall/narthex.
 - Natural Light in the parish hall.
 - Updating the kitchen cabinets.
 - Window in the naïve
 - Sidewalk and patio at the rectory
 - Linda would like to see the project be something done around the church, not the rectory.
- Jane and Doug have been gathering estimates on some of these projects.
 - Mostly in carpeting
- Doug suggests to narrow down what we want to do before making a decision.
- Choir Robes money and improvements money will be coming out of separate funds.
- Sharon will get quotes on replacing cabinets in the kitchen.
- Linda proposed to table the decision on these projects until the September meeting.
- Robes are 30+ years old
 - We have money from memorial gifts from members who were in the choir to be used.
- Choir Alb has been picked as the best fit for us
 - \$120 a piece, crosses are roughly \$10 a piece as well.
 - We would get 15% off if we order 10 or more robes
 - We are looking at 20+ robes to buy in various sizes.
 - Some families open to contributing.
- **Story Corps Project**
 - One of Linda's projects she is wanting to do.
 - She will be grabbing and interviewing random people at the church to tell their story and their journey at St. James.
 - She will be asking the vestry to listen to help brain storm ab out a new mission statement.
- **Stewardship**

- Alex has volunteered to be stewardship chair this year and has asked to have a co-chair to take over as the chair the next year and carry on this tradition.
 - Proposed date is November 12
 - Eric will think about being co-chair.
- **Kick off Sunday**
 - Sharon explained what kick off Sunday is and its purpose.
 - Proposed date of September 10
 - Trina volunteered to be coordinator of the event.

Decisions

- **Choir Robes**
 - Rex moved to accept the cost for new choir robes. Trina seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
- **Kick off Sunday**
 - Moved to have the date be September 10 and have Trina Robinson be the chair.
 - The motion was passed unanimously
- **Stewardship**
 - Moved to accept Alex as the chair and the date to be set for November 12th.
 - The motion was passed unanimously.
- **Action Items**
 - Backpack program news and success
 - Kick off Sunday date
 - Stewardship date.

We adjourned with compline at 8:35 pm

Minutes submitted by

Alex Irwin, Clerk