

**St. James Vestry Minutes
October 10, 2017**

Present - Beth Hatter, Eric Pratt, Charlie Hammerich, Linda Young (Rector), Sharon Nitz (Senior Warden), Alex Irwin (Clerk), Rex Burns (Junior Warden), Todd Butler, Melissa Williams, Janet Johnson (Office Manager)

Absent – Trina Robinson (Junior Warden)

Linda Opened up the meeting with a check in of all the vestry members at 6:35pm.

- After Check in Charlie read the dwelling in the work then we broke into pairs to discuss what we read.
 - After discussing in pairs, we gathered as a group and discussed what we talked about in our smaller groups.
- Melissa motions to accept the consent agenda as is. Charlie seconded the motion (first time!) The motion was passed unanimously.

Calendar

- October 20-22 – Diocesan Convention in Couer d' Alene
- October 28 – St. James 125th Open House from 1-3pm
- October 29 – St. James 125th Eucharist
- November 5 – Children's Trick or Treat for Charity at 10:30 service
- November 7 – Vestry calling for In-Gathering Sunday
- November 12 – In-gathering Sunday
- December 1 – Advent Friday starts
- December 8 – Advent Friday
- December 15 – Advent Friday
- December 24 – 8 and 10:30 services, 4:30pm Christmas Eve Family Eucharist, 10:30pm Christmas Even Carols and Festive Eucharist.
- December 25 – 9am Eucharist
- January 6 – Twelfth night
- January 14 – MLK Service at St. James at 4pm
- January 28 – Annual Meeting and Elections

Discussion

- **Regional Gathering**
 - Eric shared some of his experiences at the meeting.
 - Linda had shared some of her lessons from that day about the building being a sacrament.
 - What does our building say to others?
 - Alex shared about the poster for convention
 - How is your church a compelling witness?
- **Anniversary**
 - Linda asked as many vestry members be at the church to greet people and show people around.
 - The big service will be at 10:30 with a big procession with the kids.

- Beth suggested some activities at the open house. Alex is helping with food and Charlie is helping in the nursery.
- **Building Improvements**
 - Carpeting will be installed next week.
 - Colors will be gray with darker blue lines.
 - Doing parish hall, narthex, hallway and into the Canterbury room.
- **Proposals/Justice and Compassion League update**
 - Update
 - Mostly a financial update.
 - \$6,000 a year to feed the 29 children we are currently providing backpacks for.
 - Proposals
 - Parking funds from 2016 have not been dispersed from outreach.
 - 2016 parking funds proposed to be divided as follows –
 - \$3,930
 - \$2,000 to the backpack program.
 - \$965 to Episcopal Relief and Development
 - \$965 to Family Promise
 - Remaining Episcopal Church Women funds divided as follows -
 - \$5,850
 - \$3,000 to the backpack program
 - \$1,425 to Episcopal Relief and Development
 - \$1,425 to Community Relief fund through the Community Action Center for emergencies.
 - These funds would be able to push the backpack program to go to doing once a week, instead of once every other week.
 - Several member brought up other outlets for the money being designated to the backpack program.
- **Building Use Policy**
 - Tabled possibly until the meeting with Susan
- **Mission Statement**
 - Tabled possibly until the meeting with Susan
- **Vestry Person for November Newsletter**
 - Beth will write something up
- **Susan Clevley**
 - She will be here for the November 14th vestry meeting.
 - We will be going over the Mutual Ministry Agreement.

Decisions

- **Episcopal Church Women funds**
 - Todd motioned to accept the proposal allocations as stated. Sharon seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.
- **Parking funds**
 - Rex motioned to accept proposal allocations as stated. Charlie seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

- **Action Items**
 - **Set date for Twelfth night**
 - **Stewardship starting. Remember to RSVP to Breakfast/Brunch.**
 - **Bring artifacts for 125th anniversary.**
 - **Costume service for the kids Trick or Treat for Charity.**

Meeting adjourned with Compline at 8:15pm

Meeting submitted by

Alex Irwin, Clerk