

**Episcopal Church of the Epiphany**  
**Vestry Meeting Minutes**  
**DATE: January 22, 2018**

**In Attendance:**

Vestry -Katie Pedersen, Bonnie Kissler, Brenda Lloyd, Bill Gary, Nancy Chandler, Holly Slater, Annie Strahan, Dennis Edmiston, Clare Schexnyder, Kimberly Bonde

Clergy—Benno Pattison, Sharon Hiers

Ex officio – Martha Rummel, Amy Shipp, Elizabeth Roberts

Absent – Alix Janke

**Prayer and Dinner:**

**Dinner:** Holly and Annie provided a delicious dinner.

**Prayer/Meditation:** Benno lead the meditation asking vestry members to contemplate what gifts they will bring to vestry this year.

**Minutes and gifts over \$100:** The minutes were presented. It was moved that they be approved. Motion was seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved. Gifts over \$100 will be presented and voted on via email.

**Rector's Report:**

Benno welcomed new vestry members, Dennis Edmiston, Clare Schexnyder, and Kimberly Bonde, and had them introduce themselves. We also welcomed our co-treasurer Elizabeth Roberts. We discussed the proposal from CAATINGA, an afterschool program, for the use of our facilities. They have presented a business plan which was under consideration. Several issues were discussed including compensation to Epiphany, possible conflicts with our outdoor renovations, overlap with some of our parish programs. The vestry decided not to pursue a contract with them at this time.

**Committee Reports**

Finance: Elizabeth reported a recommendation from the finance committee that the Wister Cook estate gift be applied to the 2017 operating fund deficit. A motion to that effect was made and seconded. Motion passed. Benno will speak with some of the parishioners who did not complete their 2017 pledges to see if we can further reduce the deficit. The vestry will consider the 2018 budget at the retreat and the finance committee suggests that the vestry be more aware about keeping expenses within the income. Elizabeth suggested the vestry do a zero budget exercise. The vestry will be calling parishioners who have not yet made a 2018 pledge.

Gather Strengthen Flourish: Katie reported that work on the Byrd house demolition is proceeding. Tad Braswell is helping with permits and meeting with the neighborhood historic association. We will still need an arborist to remove a tree before demolition. Final plans for outdoor renovations toward the point are near completion. Next step is bids from contractors.

Amy read a letter to Kesner Ajax of BTI in Haiti written by Lisa Daily expressing the dismay of many in the Epiphany community concerning the insulting comments made by the president of the United States about Haiti and many African nations.

Vestry retreat: Feb 2-4  
Next meeting: March 19

**PRAYER & ADJOURN:**

After a final prayer, the meeting was adjourned.