

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
Vestry Meeting Minutes
DATE: June 18, 2018

In Attendance:

Katie Pedersen, Bonnie Kissler, Brenda Lloyd, Bill Gary, Nancy Chandler, Holly Slater, Dennis Edmiston, Kimberly Bonde, Alix Janke, Ann Fowler, Sharon Hiers, Martha Rummel, Benno Pattison, Annie Strahan, Elizabeth Roberts, Randy Shearin

Absent – Clare Schexnyder, Amy Shipp

Prayer and Dinner:

Dinner: Brenda provided a delicious dinner.

Prayer/Meditation: Benno lead the meditation on perfect freedom.

Minutes: The minutes were presented. It was moved that they be approved. Motion was seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Gifts over \$100: Gifts over \$100 were presented. It was moved they be approved. Motion seconded and passed.

Rector's Report: Benno reported on staff. Julie is on sabbatical. Shereetha is staying with friends after the apartment fire. Staff will let us know when or if parishioners can help in any way. Lorraine is preparing for the birth of their child but was able to do vacation bible school. Sharon is back from travels to Ghana and Scotland. The youth group will take their pilgrimage in July along the path of the great migration.

Committee Reports

Finance: Randy and Elizabeth attended to present an updated draft budget for the capital campaign. A few changes were made for improved bookkeeping. This budget, with less detail, will be posted for the parish with visual aids.

Building & Grounds: Bonnie reported that Tom is working on the attic floor. It is requested that anyone who has things stored up there removed them to facilitate the floor repairs. The air conditioning in the church has been very cold lately. We will look at the thermostat settings and also at diverting the airflow so that it does not blow directly on people. Tom also suggested that some of the gutters may be clogged and in need of cleaning.

Gather Strengthen Flourish: Katie reported that our landscaping plan was approved by the neighborhood historic preservation committee. The demolition process for the Byrd house is moving forward. Bill will get an update on capital campaign pledge status.

Sr. Warden: Bill reported on suggestions for making Wednesday night supper pay for itself. One possibility is to have people prepay for the dinner. Another possibility is to increase the price. Both options will be investigated. Attendance at the supper is usually good. The deficit in the vestry retreat fund still needs to be addressed. We will probably just write off the loss. Randy will look into a deficit in the parish retreat fund. Shea asked that people use the checklist for VPOD duties. The vestry midyear retreat will be Sunday July 29 at 1:00 at Decatur Coworks.

Pastoral discussion: The issue of removal of children from immigrant families was discussed. Nancy said she could provide the phone numbers for senators so that people could express their opinion. The vestry proposed that we sponsor a resolution at annual council condemning the policy. Motion seconded and passed.

PRAYER & ADJOURN:

After a final prayer, the meeting was adjourned.