

Vestry meeting minutes

July 8, 2018, 1:00 pm

Present:

Gary Allen, Junior Warden
Barbara Brecht, Senior Warden
Kieran Cannistra
Karen Dollar, Treasurer
Randy Ericson
Ryan Hill
Maddy Ouye
Anne Parks
Paul Strand

Absent:

Sue Davidson
Tracy LeBlanc, Deacon
Derek Moyer
Crystal Parker
Kerlin Richter, Rector

Opening

- Barbara opened the meeting at 1:08 pm.

Approval of June minutes [Barbara]

- Randy moved to accept the 10 June 2018 minutes and Paul seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of receipt of reports [Barbara]

- Kieran moved to accept the July officer reports and Ryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial update information: YTD 2018 [Karen]

- June pledge and plate together was 86% of budget, which is to be expected in June.
- Pledge was 78% of budget, plate was 156%. This is usually due to new people contributing to the plate.
- The building use income is 138% of budget.
- In anticipation of creating and approving the 2019 budget, Karen would like us to pray on and consider the following questions:
 - What are the goals of our children's ministry?
 - If money were no object, what would the structure of the children's ministry look like?
 - What are our most pressing obstacles to staffing existing programs?

- What are other parishes doing that is working?
- The Square iPad is doing very well during services. Kieran and Paul will meet to discuss using mobile phones to give during the service (in addition to by iPad).
- Last month, Barbara introduced the idea of moving some of our savings to one of the investment funds managed by the diocese. Given the small amount we have to invest in the short-term and given the low rate of return, Karen does not recommend we move money into an investment fund, at this time.

St. David of Wales fall auction [Karen]

- This year, the stewardship chair (Madeline Moore) asks: “Please be prepared as a Vestry group or as individuals to respond to the call for hosting a party or event, offering an awesome raffle item or committing to the paddle raise. We will gradually be getting the word out and appreciate support in generating enthusiasm for what promises to be an evening of community building, fund raising and just plain fun.”

Space usage update [Randy, Karen]

- Rather than creating an entirely new plan (which could take some time), the building team is making incremental changes that are gradually bringing us to a place where we make the most of our space.

Music Director job description and grant status [Barbara]

- We were not awarded the grant from the diocese, though they very much liked the idea. (We were awarded a grant in 2016 and cannot get another for five years—2021—hence their response.)
- Barbara will revise the music director’s job description and contract.

New contract with Pyramid Heating [Gary]

- We voted to approve signing of a new contract with Pyramid Heating, based on two visits per year (versus four). The vote in favor of signing a new contract was unanimous.

Standing committees [Barbara]

- Kieran moved to accept the finance and personnel committee job descriptions as written and Maddy seconded. The motion passed unanimously. We will vote on the building and grounds committee job description at our next vestry meeting.

Move to two services [Barbara]

- Randy asked if we could take time during our October retreat to reflect on the move to two services and if any adjustments need be made to move us forward. We agreed that this is a good idea.

Praying the Directory [Barbara]

- We’ll keep the same names, this month. As a reminder, they are:
 - As: Anne
 - Bs: Crystal
 - Cs: Paul
 - D-G: Randy

- H-I: Sue
- J-L: Gary
- Ma-Mc: Ryan
- Md-Mz: Kieran
- O-R: Maddy
- S: Barbara
- T-Z: Derek

Security cameras [Paul]

- Paul noted that we need to discuss updating the security system. (And, as a result, very likely internet connectivity.) Kieran and Paul will discuss this when they discuss text-to-give options.
- Paul noted that we likely need a technology committee, which would deal with things such as the above as they come up.

Adjournment

- Randy closed us in prayer. We adjourned at 2:37 pm. Our next meeting will be Sunday, 12 August at 1pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kieran Cannistra, vestry clerk