

Vestry Minutes

4/25/16

Attendees:

Rev. Kerlin Richter
Linda Goertz, Deacon
Dru Van Hengel
LeRoy Goertz
Susan Fleming
Madeline Moore
Joe Kaliszewski
Fran Gardner
Barbara Brecht
Derek Moyer
Gary Allen
Kieran Cannistra

Opening Prayer and Reflection- Kerlin led the vestry in a reflection on Revelation 22:1-12.

Consent Agenda- Madeline moved to approve the March minutes and April officer reports. Kerlin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report- In response to questions from Kieran and Jon, Joe offered to explore adding best estimates of year end balance reflecting current trends.

Hiring- Kerlin clarified that she is responsible for hiring and approval of all contracts. There had been some confusion regarding the handling of our janitorial contract. We will be seeking a new janitorial service.

Convention delegates- Susan moved to approve a slate of convention delegates consisting of Elizabeth Clarkson Williams, Matthew Morris, and Doug Keiper. LeRoy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Fundraiser- Kerlin reported that "save the date" invitations for the "non-event" fundraiser had been sent out. Fran, Carolyn, and Kerlin hand addressed "invitations." Fran suggested that the Facebook page be set up so that people could post what they were doing on the night of the

“non-event”. Vestry members are strongly encouraged to sign up and promote the success of the fundraiser. The goal is to raise \$2,000 to \$11,500. If we achieve the high end of that range, the hope is to be able to dedicate the Fall fundraiser to capital needs.

Youth- LeRoy reported that he hosted an enlightening session with youth members of the church. He encourages us all to try to get to know them better. Kerlin reported that youth members still miss Joshua Kingsley, want a reinvigorated youth group, and are looking for someone who can both lead fun activities and provide spiritual guidance. They were also clear in wanting events to not conflict or overlap with services. LeRoy indicated there was interest in meeting after services to do projects. Kieran said that her children value youth group and the opportunity to be taken seriously by other adults.

Next steps are to recruit a person or persons to lead the group. Joe indicated that we have a \$500/month budget for the position. Having a male and female working together would be ideal. In the meantime, Kerlin will follow up on integrating the youth into the services including opportunities to serve as acolytes, lay readers, and gospel bearers. Kerlin will follow up with Rachel Larson on integrating youth into the schedule sign ups.

Vestry Greeters- Madeline asked how we can reinvigorate/improve the vestry greeter role, and whether the role could be merged with the usher role, or opened to non-vestry members. Kieran suggested this discussion be continued on line, and the vestry agreed to continue discussing the matter online.

Capital Campaign- Kerlin shared priorities for the capital campaign including roof, kitchen, sound system, and accessibility. Kerlin encouraged members to forward priorities to her. Joe and Fran expressed the need for a permanent reserve fund for capital repairs.

There are many steps still to be taken including an assessment of potential donors both in the church, the neighborhood, and among our building partners. There was discussion of unused property as a potential asset and the value of our building given neighborhood change and the closure of Sunnyside Methodist. Jon felt it was important to provide a positive message in engaging with neighbors.

Susan and Kieran shared that the campaign needs a theme and to connect to our mission. Barbara shared that the campaign needs to be tied to specific items, otherwise the funds could be subject to DPA.

Mission Vision Values- Kerlin introduced an updated MVV graphic showing a tree and the words “Deep Roots, Wide Branches, Good Fruit” She invited further discussion of the statement on line.

Parochial Report- A draft of the parochial report was distributed. In order to provide an opportunity for detailed review, the vestry decided to table approval till the May meeting.

Closing- Susan closed us in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Williams, Clerk