

St. Mark's Vestry Meeting

February 7, 2018 7:00pm

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Opening prayers and meditation were led by Rev. Beth Frank. Present: Rev. Beth Frank, Derek Gordon, Bob Kennedy, Charlie Kiesling, Sara Stratton, Beth Crowl, Christy Thorley, Beck Rand, Grace Giammarco, and Bob Kennedy. Rhonda Warren attended via phone. Bruce Hixon was excused. Joe Hoot was a guest.

Following acknowledgement of a quorum, a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the last meeting was made, seconded, and carried.

Election of Wardens: The candidates were presented as: Senior Warden- Derek Gordon, Junior Warden- Rhonda Warren, Clerk – Karen Violand.

A motion to elect the candidates was made by Charlie Kiesling, seconded by Sara Stratton. Following a vote, the motion carried.

New Business: Joe Hoot presented an assisted listening device available from Amazon costing \$94 per unit. According to law churches are required to provide this service for the congregation. Charlie Kiesling moved that the church purchase 5 units with money from the Memorial Fund. Sara Stratton seconded and following a vote, the motion was carried. The possibility of securing a grant from the Diocese to aid in the cost will be investigated. Rev. Beth will see that some bulletins are available in large print each week. Joe Hoot will investigate streaming options.

Schedule of meetings: After discussion it was unanimously decided that Vestry meetings this year will be held on the first Wednesday of the month at 6 pm. Karen and Bruce will be contacted.

Commissioning of Vestry members will take place Sunday, February 25, 2018 at both services.

Transition Consultant Proposal: Derek presented a proposal to retain Elizabeth Moosbrugger, a transition consultant, to assist the Vestry during this initial phase of discerning whether the parish seeks a full-time or part-time rector. On a motion by Sara, seconded by Charlie, the Vestry approve \$500 for Ms. Moosbrugger to facilitate a Vestry Retreat exercise to begin our discernment process for the parameters of a new rector. If the Vestry is pleased with her involvement during the Retreat the Vestry has the option to retain her services for an additional \$1,000 to work with us through the remainder of the full time / part time discernment process.

The Vestry Retreat will be February 24, 2018 from 10am to 4pm. Each Vestry member will provide a light breakfast item to share.

COMING EVENTS

Reverend Beth asked all Vestry Members to attend as many events as possible.

-Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, February 13 6-7:30- pm

-Vestry Members have volunteered to assist with various tasks, including set up which can begin at 2:30 pm.

-United Way Stone Soup February 17, 2018

-Clark Family Party February 17, 2018

-Soup, Salad, Sandwich, Cinema Friday February 9, 2018 6:00 Dinner and donated popcorn will be served downstairs prior to the movie. Free will offerings will be accepted.

Interim Rector's Report

- SOP details will be discussed at the next Vestry meeting.

- Noon Eucharist will be held each Wednesday until further notice to provide an opportunity for those who might not be able to attend on Sundays.
- St. Paul's Canton will collaborate with St. Mark's for the Easter Vigil this year. While this service is in the early planning stages, it will probably take place at St. Paul's.
- Bishop Williams will visit Sunday April 8, 2018. Eucharistic Ministers will be commissioned that day. If the Bishop can be here at 9:00 am that day, there will be one service at that time. He will want to meet with the Vestry before or after the service. Reverend Beth reported that a launching of a Confirmation program has been proposed and one person may be received into the Church on April 8.
- This year's Lenten study will be A Journey with Mark by Marek P. Zabriskie beginning the day after Ash Wednesday. Cost for the book is \$7 and Daily Bible Readings will be available in the Lion's Pause and service bulletins. An invitation to participate will appear on Facebook. Meetings will be Wednesday evenings following a Lenten meal at 6:00pm and Sunday mornings at 9:00 am.
- In keeping with the solemnity of Lent and Holy Week and in light of other activities already scheduled, there will be no Palm Sunday Brunch or Maundy Thursday Dinner this year.

Warden Reports: -None.

Liaison Reports

Worship: Bruce Hixon proposed a purchase of 6 surplices and 4 cassocks. Sara Stratton moved, and Charlie Kiesling seconded, that up to \$1500 be taken from the Memorial Funds to purchase these items. Following a vote the motion was carried.

Congregational Care and Communications discussion was tabled.

Administration:

2018 Stewardship Pledges: Based on 2017 pledge receipts, \$170,000 is budgeted for 2018 pledged income. To date 68 pledges have been received totaling \$142,000 with just a few 2017 pledging members still open. At this time it appears 2018 pledge income will be short of the \$170,000 budgeted number and will have a negative in-pack on our forecasted 2018 deficit.

Restoration Campaign: We have received 60 pledges totaling \$111,503 over the 3 year campaign. The campaign goal is \$150,000. We will need to continue our efforts over the next 3 years to meet the financial goal and support the Restoration Campaign initiatives. There were a significant number of full payments by the end of December 2017, totaling \$63,928.

Capital Funds Status: The finance committee prepared a 3 year capital fund status based on Restoration Pledges and funds transferred from St. Mark's Trust Account. With the significant number of up front pledge payments, there is \$50,000 balance on hand for capital improvements. Most of these funds will be needed in the June/July time frame to pay for planned HAVC improvements. The finance committee suggested these funds be made available for the Trustees to invest at their recommendation. Sara Stratton moved that we accept the guidance of the Trustees as to how to best be stewards of the funds in the Restoration Account, The motion was seconded by Bob Kennedy and following a vote, the motion was carried.

Weaver Child Development: No report.

There being no further business to come before the Vestry, the meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer at 8:34pm.

Next Vestry Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 6:00PM. Please note the change of time. Bob Kennedy will provide the Vestry Devotion.

Respectfully submitted,

Beck Rand, Acting Clerk