

Meeting of the Vestry

Chapel of the Cross

December 16, 2015

Present:

Rev. Ben Robertson, Rector

Will Compton, Curate

Davis Frye, Senior Warden

Bill Buhner, Junior Warden

Annell Holland, Clerk

Vestry Members Present:

Amy Barker

Mac Brown

Tell Flowers

Dick Lawrence

Sloan McKellar

Brian Martin

Richard Roberson

Scott Woods

Absent:

Dan Robertson

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Ben Robertson and opened with prayer.

Sloan McKellar shared a *Moment of Reflection*.

Minutes

Bill Buhner made the motion to approve the November minutes. Sloan McKellar seconded the motion which was passed unanimously with aye.

Mutual Ministry Review Canon Davis Johnson

Canon Johnson explained the Mutual Ministry Review. He encouraged the vestry members and Rev. Ben Robertson to participate in this review.

Finance Report Scott Woods

- ❖ Monthly Financial Report - November 2015
 - The cookbook checking account was closed.

Scott Woods made a motion to adopt the November Financials. Dick Lawrence seconded the motion which passed unanimously with aye.

Senior Warden Report Davis Frye

- ❖ 2015 Pledge Followups
 - Davis thanked the members for contacting Chapel members about outstanding pledges.
 - Davis will forward an updated list to the other members 12/17/15.

❖ Junior Warden Bill Buhner

- Bill presented bids for cleaning, painting, and repairs to the Deweese House garage apartment. Amy Barker made a motion to approve the work and fund the \$6,550 to Maintenance Doctor for cleaning, painting, and repairs to the garage apartment from Historical Preservation Fund and the Deweese House Fund. Scott Woods seconded the motion which passed unanimously with aye.
- For other projects planned & completed, see Bill's Junior Warden Report.

❖ Rector's Report Rev. Ben Robertson

- Ben welcomed Will Compton to the meeting.
- The staff has worked very hard this year and, although not budgeted, Ben would like to give end of the year bonuses. Davis made a motion to take \$2,000 from the Memorial Fund to fund the annual staff bonuses, subject to a conversation with the altar guild and bookkeeper. Amy Barker seconded the motion which passed unanimously with aye.

- Ben stated that he was moved by the out pouring of generosity during recent weeks: Madison County Foster Children Angel Tree, Our Daily Bread Food Drive, Coat Drive...
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Sunday December 20 - Lessons and Carols
 - Christmas Eve Services: 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 10:30 pm.
- **Old Business:**
 - The Vestry Nominating Committee had a great meeting Tuesday. They are in the process of contacting prospective vestry members.
 - The Warden's Nominating Committee asked John Woodward to serve as the 2016 Junior Warden. John has accepted. Bill Buhner made a motion to elect John Woodward to the position of Junior Warden. Scott Woods seconded the motion which passed unanimously with aye.

❖ **Budget Scott Woods**

- Scott advised the Vestry that the Diocese of MS strongly suggests parity for lay employees for health insurance. With parity - if an employee's spouse &/ or children are covered through another employer, the Chapel would reimburse them for the out of pocket cost.
- Scott made a motion to appropriate \$2,500 from the Deweese ODR for grounds maintenance and repairs and maintenance of the Deweese House. Dick Lawrence seconded the motion which passed unanimously with aye.
- Scott made a motion to transfer \$6,000 from the Will's Trust ODR to a line item in the Operating Budget. Dick Lawrence seconded the motion which passed unanimously with aye.
- Scott made a motion to transfer \$4,800 from the Cemetery ODR to Operating Funds. Dick Lawrence seconded the motion which passed unanimously with aye.

❖ **2016 Capital Campaign Rev. Ben Robertson**

- Ben advised members the time has come to decide if we want to do a feasibility study with Klute. Funding for the \$35,000 to Klute will come from: \$25,000 in place in an ODR Building Fund plus a \$10,000 Designated Gift that can be used for this purpose.

- Amy Barker moved that we sign a contract with Klote and move forward with a feasibility study. Dick Lawrence seconded the motion which passed unanimously with aye.

Dick Lawrence moved to adjourn the meeting. Scott Woods seconded the motion which passed unanimously with aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Annell T. Holland, Clerk