

**MEETING OF THE VESTRY
CHAPEL OF THE CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY RETREAT
MARCH 5, 2016**

Present:

Rev. Ben Robertson, Rector
Rev. Will Compton, Curate
Davis Frye, Senior Warden

Vestry Members Present:

Amy Barker
Mac Brown
Tell Flowers
Dick Lawrence
Brian Martin
Sloan McKellar
Molly Meeks
Richard Roberson
Bob Williams

Absent:

Jon Woodward, Junior Warden

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

January Minutes

Sloan McKellar requested an addition be made to the January minutes reflecting discussion about the Youth Customary document, prepared by the Diocese of MS, which outlines what is expected of parishes when conducting youth events. During this discussion, Will Compton, acknowledged that he, Ben Robertson, and Courtney Aymett, Youth Ministry Director, are fully aware of this document and have intentions of meeting, going over this document and putting together a plan to ensure that the Chapel is in compliance with it.

With noted addition, Bob Williams made a motion that the amended January minutes be approved. Richard Roberson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

January Financial Report

Approval of the January Financial Report was tabled until the March 16 meeting of the vestry.

Senior Warden's Report

Davis Frye proposed an alcohol policy for the Chapel of the Cross (attached).

There was discussion about various aspects of the policy.

Richard Roberson made a motion to accept the policy as written. Mac Brown seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Jr. Warden's Report

The Jr. Warden being absent, there was no report.

Rector's Report

Rev. Ben Robertson reported on the following:

Minor Fire Incident: There was a minor fire in the Parish Hall right before Wednesday Night Supper was to begin on March 2, 2016. Apparently, one of the sterno burners for the chafing dishes caught fire to the table beneath and burned through the table. Rev. Robertson came to the rescue with a fire extinguisher and put out the fire. The table was ruined and several tiles will need to be replaced on the floor. ServePro will come out and give the room a thorough cleaning.

CEEP Conference: Rev. Ben Robertson, Rev. Will Compton and Julie Brown all attended the CEEP Conference in Colorado the first week in March. Ben's focus was on stewardship, Will's was on welcoming and Julie's was on communication.

Curate's Report

Rev. Will Compton reported on the following:

Youth Trip to Savannah: A mission trip to Savannah is set for June 5 – 10. The deadline to RSVP is March 22.

Youth Program Developments:

Currently the youth attendance is about one half Chapel youth and one half visitors.

Courtney Aymett continues to do personal visits with individual Chapel youth.

Young Adults Program:

Continues to be a work in progress, but going well.

Youth Fund Raiser:

Rev. Ben Robertson requested vestry approval for a Youth fund raiser to be held in April selling Chapel cups and hats.

Davis Frye made a motion to approve the fundraiser. Bob Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Old Business: None.

New Business

2015 Parochial Report (attached): The report was reviewed by the vestry and it was determined that line items number 1 and 2 on page 3 of the report needed to be updated and filled in.

There was discussion on how Sunday School numbers were obtained and Ben will check with Dana for clarification on this.

With the addition of amending Line Items No. 1 & 2, on page 3 of the report, Davis Frye made a motion that the amended 2015 Parochial Report be approved. Bob Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Youth on Vestry:

A representative from Youth has been on the Chapel vestry in the past.

There was discussion about the appropriate way to make this happen again. Ben, Will and Courtney will work on this and put a plan together.

Delegates to Diocesan Council 2017:

The following appointments were made:

Delegates: Davis Frye, Jon Woodward and Sloan McKellar

Alternates: Mac Brown, Bob Williams, Molly Meeks

Finance Committee Appointments:

Senior Warden, Davis Frye, put forth the following names for approval as new members of the Chapel Finance Committee: Heath Wray and Brock Haas

Each will service a two-year term: 2016 - 2018

Amy Barker made a motion that these persons be approved. Bob Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dick Lawrence also suggested that a policy statement be added to the Financial Procedures stating that all Chapel fundraisers be approved by the vestry. Davis Frye and Sloan McKellar will put a proposed statement together for the vestry to consider.

Readiness Assessment Report:

The vestry reviewed the Readiness Assessment Report prepared by Jesse Winters of James D. Klote and Associates. Much discussion followed.

Davis Frye made a motion that the Chapel of the Cross go forward with a capital campaign to build a new worship space. Amy Barker seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Davis and Ben will follow up with Jesse Winters about how and when the campaign will begin.

Vestry Homework:

Vestry was charged with looking over the Mutual Ministry Review and praying and thinking about what goals this might bring to mind.

Pray about what leadership should be chosen for the Capital Campaign.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned with an enthusiastic AYE.

Respectfully submitted,
Sloan McKellar
Vestry Member