

Meeting of the Vestry
Chapel of the Cross
November 16, 2016

Present:

Davis Frye, Senior Warden
Jon Woodward, Junior Warden
The Rev. Ben Robertson, Rector
Will Compton, Curate
Oscar Hartman, Treasurer

Vestry Members Present:

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

Guest:

Michael Barker

The meeting was called to order by Ben Robertson, followed by a reflection led by Mac Brown.

Minutes

Minutes from the October meeting were reviewed.

Motion: Bob Williams made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Amy Barker seconded the motion which passed unanimously with aye.

Servant Ministry Update (Michael Barker)- Food Boxes: Chapel decided to try to put together 200 Christmas boxes (by December 11). Michael encouraged Vestry to pass boxes out. Announcements have been made during services as well. Turkeys will be delivered to Our Daily Bread. Michael encouraged Vestry to tell members about the Angel Tree (by December 11).

Finance Report (Oscar Hartman)

Oscar updated Vestry on current accounts. Vestry needs to decide where money acquired through Capital Campaign should be placed. Oscar reviewed the recent financial reports.

Motion- Jon Woodward made the motion to accept the combined financial reports. Richard Roberson seconded the motion which passed unanimously with aye.

- a. 2017 Stewardship- We have 12 new pledges who pledged over \$88,000. Bob is planning to send out letters to those who have not pledged. A phone-a-thon will take place in early December. Vestry members must pledge in order to remain on Vestry. Please share additional ideas with Bob and Laurie Williams.
- b. 2016 DITC Money- Chapel of the Cross had a very successful DITC (Day in the Country). The net was around \$58,000. Traditionally, we budget 50% to outreach and 50% to historical preservation.

Motion- Sloan made the motion to split the money raised from 2016 Day in the Country with 50% outreach and 50% all things historic (Deweese House, etc). Bob Williams seconded the motion which passed unanimously with aye.

Senior Warden's Report (Davis Frye)

Davis expressed his thanks for the Budget Meeting. New Sanctuary: Davis wants Vestry to decide on a project budget and our 'must-haves'. He would like to avoid a complete re-design. Davis would like for Vestry to proceed carefully. He suggested giving Chuck a projected budget of \$3.8 million. Davis feels this would give us a Sanctuary *and* a Support Building (multi-purpose room). Davis wants to incorporate Sloan's committee's related comments and suggestions.

'*Must have*' items: Vestry agreed on the following items: connected family bathrooms (in Narthex and support building- multi-purpose room), space for children's church, space for sacristy and flower guild, closer handicapped parking and plenty of natural light in the naive/sanctuary.

Junior Warden's Report (Jon Woodward)

Lights and fans have been serviced in Chapel. Parking lot lights are out. Jon received one quote to paint Deweese house. He is going to get two more quotes. Jon updated Vestry on repairs needed on wood floors in Chapel. Jon told Vestry \$2,000 has been spent on re-wiring in Chapel and garage apartment.

Rector's Report (Reverend Ben Robertson)

- a. Nominating Committee Meeting- The Vestry Nominating will meet soon. Ben's plan is to call a meeting for the Warden's Nominating Committee the same week. Please let Ben know if you have any potential candidates for the Vestry.
- b. Advent is coming up. A calendar of events will be sent in the mail soon.

Curate's Report (Will Compton)

Will had no report.

Old Business

a. Cookbook- Shirley requested money made by cookbook sales go towards a specific need of the new sanctuary.

b. PDO Licensure- PDO has received their license from the State of Mississippi on November 1st. It is also part of the National Association of Episcopal Schools.

c. Worship Volunteer Licensure

Motion was made by Dick Lawrence to accept those named wanting Lay Eucharistic Minister and Lay Eucharistic Visitor Licensures (including Grace Simmons as a Lay Eucharistic Visitor upon submitting application). The motion was seconded by Bob Williams which passed unanimously with aye.

Discussion regarding individual mentioned during the October Vestry Meeting. Ben read the diocesan description of a Lay Eucharistic Minister. He encouraged the Vestry to be prayerful as they voted by paper ballot.

Executive Session 7:41 pm- 8:04 pm

The Clerk counted the paper ballots which passed by the majority of those present accepting Bud Phelps as a Lay Eucharistic Minister.

New Business Molly shared a Salvation Army opportunity with Vestry. She will email additional information for signing up to ring bells for hour-long shifts.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Brian Martin to adjourn the meeting. Mac Brown seconded the motion which passed unanimously with aye.

Respectfully submitted by Grace Simmons, Vestry Clerk