

Meeting of the Vestry
Chapel of the Cross
October 19, 2016

Present:

Davis Frye, Senior 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
Sloan McKellar
Richard Roberson
Bob Williams

Guest:

Laney Grantham

The meeting was called to order by Ben Robertson, followed by a reflection led by Sloan McKellar.

Minutes

Minutes from the September meeting were reviewed.

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

Finance Report (Oscar Hartman)

Oscar reviewed the recent financial reports. Operations budget is better than it was last year. He went over pledges/non-pledge income for the nine month period through September. This is the lowest accumulated income since 2005. He noted there have been a couple of difficult months. We are ahead of projections but there are some non-received bills (audit, pensions).

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

- a. 2017 Stewardship- Bob and Laurie are looking for volunteers to speak at services. Bob passed out the Stewardship brochures.
- b. FAM budgets- Amy had some questions concerning the proposed budgets. The Vestry is responsible for telling the Finance Committee what the allocated budgets are. The Finance Committee will have a budget meeting. Budgets are due by the 1st of November. The Finance Meeting is Wednesday, November 9 at 6:00 p.m.

Senior Warden's Report (Davis Frye)

see Old Business/New Construction Research

Rector's Report (Reverend Ben Robertson)

- a. Warden's Nominating Committee: (Vestry) Molly Meeks and Sloan McKellar (Parish) Lee Boyles and David Cado, 1st Alternate Whit Raynor and 2nd Alternate Reggie Sims

- b. Vestry Nominating Committee: Perry Williams, Thomas Taylor, 1st Alternate Judith Krotty and 2nd Alternate Reggie Sims

Curate's Report (Will Compton)

a. Will provided a list of Worship Leaders, Eucharistic Ministers and Eucharistic Visitors. Some questions were raised concerning certain licensers and the motion was tabled until the November meeting. Ben asked Vestry to be prayerful while considering this upcoming vote.

b. Vestry Youth Representative will be Grayson Guillory.

Motion- Amy Barker made the motion to accept Pam Manor to become a Licensed Worship Leader. Dick Lawrence seconded the motion which passed unanimously with aye.

Motion- Dick Lawrence made the motion to accept Keith Obert to become a Licensed Worship Leader. Brian Martin seconded the motion which passed unanimously with aye.

Motion- Sloan McKellar made the motion to accept Ruby Medlin to become a Licensed Worship Leader. Brian Martin seconded the motion which passed unanimously with aye.

Old Business

a. Design Input Report- Sloan passed out the preliminary recommendations to the Vestry. The committee met on October 13, 2016. Sacristy and Flower Guild Outbuildings received the most responses (32). The information included various items such as bathrooms, windows, bell tower and parking. Sloan went over responses and suggestions with Vestry.

b. New Construction Research/Senior Warden's Report (Davis Frye)

Davis and Ben met with Chuck. It was positive and enthusiastic. We have raised 3.3 million dollars. Davis shared a proposed time-line. Davis reminded the Vestry that continuity is vital. Davis will be rolling off of Vestry. We need a Chair for a Construction Committee. The Vestry will approve the budget and design. Davis would like to decide on the budget and design by January. We can afford a sanctuary and a support structure. Davis went over floor plans (including a multi-purpose room). We will have to prioritize. We will not be able to have it all. Vestry wants to make sure our needs are met by architects.

c. Brian Martin shared information he learned from meeting with Stan at Regions. He passed out a Religious Organization Questionnaire. A package would be put together to go to banks (including a questionnaire, diocesan help, financial statement, income statement and statement of cash flow, projections, history of debt, highlighted factors of why Chapel is low-risk, Madison County demographics and population). A summary sheet was provided for Vestry. Smaller banks are likely to give loans to churches. He will email Vestry the Madison County Growth Projections over the next twenty years.

New Business

- a. Kairos Ministry Update: The goal is to provide Christ's love to prisoners. Laney has received so much personal gratitude from this experience. It is a continuing ministry of 'praying and sharing'. Chapel of the Cross sponsors four women.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Dick Lawrence to adjourn the meeting. Brian Martin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with aye.

Respectfully submitted by Grace Simmons, Vestry Clerk