

Meeting of the Vestry

Chapel of the Cross

September 16, 2015

Present

Rev. Ben Robertson, Rector
Davis Frye, Senior Warden
Bill Buhner, Junior Warden

Vestry Members Present

Amy Barker
Mac Brown
Tell Flowers
Dick Lawrence
Sloan McKellar
Brian Martin
Richard Roberson
Dan Robertson
Scott Woods

Absent

Will Compton, Curate
Annell Holland, Clerk

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

Eagle Scout Project Report

- Caleb Middleton presented his final proposal for his Eagle Scout Project at the Stations of the Cross. He plans to replace the broken wooden cross with a stone cross along with a stone bench, plant flowers at the site, weed eat, and replace slag along the path. He plans to begin work October 24. Scott made the motion to

accept Caleb's proposal, Mac seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with aye.

Bill Buhner provided reflection.

August Minutes

- Ben made an amendment to the August minutes to read "Meagan Toms is enhancing the Parents Day Out Program." Scott made the motion to approve the minutes as amended, Brian seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with aye.

Finance Report - Scott Woods

- In an effort to increase our pledge collections, Scott plans to place an insert in the weekly church bulletin to show our current pledges, and Davis plans to make announcements during church services.
- Stewardship Campaign begins October 18.
- Scott made the motion to accept the August financials, Amy seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with aye.
- DITC Proceeds
 - Bill made a motion that one-half of DITC proceeds will go to historical preservation and one-half will go to Servant Ministry. Scott seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with aye.

Senior Warden Report - Davis Frye

- Discussions with Klote are still underway. Contract signature is pending after budget. Feedback has been positive regarding pre-work and pre-campaign materials.
- Discussion ensued regarding the need for a watercolor of the schematic design. \$3000 had previously been allotted for the watercolor. Chuck Barlow and firm have offered to pay any additional cost above this amount. Davis will follow up with Klote regarding the need for a watercolor.

Junior Warden Report - Bill Buhner

- The arch at the end of the naïve is cracked, but no repair is necessary at this time.
- Plans have been made to repair part of the cemetery fence prior to DITC.
- Burn piles will be burned as soon as the burn ban is lifted.
- Duct work has been completed, AC leak has been repaired, and ceiling tiles have been replaced in the Ed Building.
- A management company is making a proposal for maintenance of the church grounds. Scott has agreed to attempt to renegotiate our current contract with McInvale.
- The sanitary sewer drain is kinked and needs replacing. Bill will use \$6,200 from the budget for this repair.

Rector's Report - Rev Ben Robertson

Personnel Update

- Janet King has begun work as Director of Children's Ministry.
- Will Compton is serving as Youth Minister.
- Ben discussed the Chapel's partnership with Center for Youth Ministry Training at Memphis Theological Seminary to help in our search for a Youth Minister. Ben will contact CYMT to schedule a presentation for the Vestry.

Old Business

- Disaster Response Plan
 - Churches in the area will meet next Wednesday at the Chapel to discuss plans.
- Covenant with China Grove
 - The covenant has been revised and will be emailed to the vestry for approval.

New Business

- New adult formation initiative
 - Ben discussed a new adult offering at the Chapel to take place on the first Wednesday night of each month at which time a book or movie will be discussed. The Rt. Rev. Brian Seage will lead the first discussion on the film Shawshank Redemption on October 7.

- Nursery proposal
 - Janet King has proposed to expand our nursery offerings to provide 2 separate nurseries - one for pre-walkers and one for walkers, and to recruit volunteer parishioners to staff the nurseries on a rotating basis.

- DITC Update
 - Brian reported that the sale of t -shirts is up this year, having sold 200 t -shirts thus far.
 - Livingston Cooking Demonstration will not participate in DITC this year but is interested in participating next year.
 - Advertisements for DITC have been submitted to The Northside Sun and Madison Herald.

Dan made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Sloan seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with aye.

Respectfully submitted,
Tell Flowers

