

Meeting of the Vestry  
Chapel of the Cross  
May 18, 2016

Present:

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

Vestry Members Present:

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

Guests:

Shirley Abney  
Jesse Winters

The meeting was called to order by Ben Robertson, followed by prayer and a reflection.

Minutes

Minutes from the April 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.

Cookbook Information (Shirley Abney)

Shirley informed Vestry of cookbook costs. The Everyday Gourmet is interested in buying cookbooks. Twenty-two dozen cookbooks will be offered exclusively to client (The Everyday Gourmet) in the \$13-\$15 price range.

**Motion** to authorize Shirley to sell twenty-two dozen cookbooks to The Everyday Gourmet was made by Bob Williams. Brian Martin seconded the motion which passed unanimously with aye.

**Action:** Davis Frye will compose a contract for cookbook sale to The Everyday Gourmet.

Shirley stated we have \$15,000 to \$18,000 in cookbook funds. The Cookbook Committee owes \$3,000 to budget. She recommended considering other ways for funding projects, etc. since we

will eventually lose cookbook money. Historically, cookbook funds have supported Our Daily Bread.

**Motion** was given by Sloan McKellar to authorize Shirley to offer to purchase tables and chairs for Our Daily Bread for up to \$3,000. Bob Williams seconded the motion which passed unanimously with aye.

#### Finance Report (Oscar Hartman)

Oscar Hartman reviewed the recent financial reports. He stated a new account was opened for the capital campaign. The operating checking account has a reduction due to some expenses associated with capital campaign. Available operating costs were reviewed. It does not appear the capital campaign is affecting monthly giving. Vestry will need to direct how they want capital campaign funds held.

**Action:** Davis will contact Paul McNeill.

Wednesday night suppers are around \$1,000 over budget.

**Action:** Amy suggests we take a look at this in July to address the Wednesday night supper costs.

Oscar shared a graph noting historical non-pledge, pledges and total income by trimesters.

**Motion-** Tell Flowers made the motion to accept the combined financial reports. Bob Williams seconded the motion which passed unanimously with aye.

#### Capital Campaign Report (Jesse Winters)

We have over 1.7 million dollars allocated towards the capital campaign (39 pledges). Sixty-four visits have been completed. Comments on visits have been very positive. Jesse has received feedback on the following: not particularly fond of restrooms in new building, need of a children's area in church, moving building in (so they are connected).

#### Senior Warden's Report (Davis Frye)

Davis thanked Vestry for making phone calls inviting members to kick-off. He stated the kick-off event was "a blessing".

#### Junior Warden's Report (Jon Woodward)

Jon called attention to repairs needed at Deweese house in order to keep animals out. Mortar has been ordered as recommended by mason for Chapel. Mason recommended a historical engineer to give us feedback on what should be done. Significant problems may be noted.

**Action:** Jon will get itemized list of what mason would do. He will also secure proposals for possible work. Ben recommended getting several bids.

**Action:** Ben will check to see if school has renewed for next year.

#### Rector's Report (Ben Robertson)

Ben was very pleased with Pentecost celebration. We had 260 people in attendance.

- Ben has attended several capital campaign visits

- Staff had planning day
- Parish cycle of prayer completed
- Confirmation class finished
- Bishop will be at Chapel on September 11, 2016. Seventeen adults and 16 youth will be confirmed.

**Motion-** Dick Lawrence made a motion to approve \$6,500 towards cemetery invoice. Amy Barker seconded the motion which passed unanimously with aye.

#### Curate's Report (Will Compton)

Will reminded us about having a young person on the Vestry. The elected member will attend the September Vestry meeting.

- Youth Day: Courtney Aymett has reached out to members who have not attended Chapel lately.
- Will and Courtney will meet to discuss plans moving forward with youth program
- Young adults (around 30) attended crawfish boil
- Let Will know if you are interested in serving

**Action:** Will is going to contact diocese coordinator concerning LEM classes

**Action:** Courtney will complete 'Summer at Chapel' brochure

#### Old Business

None

#### New Business

- Amy updated Vestry on the 'Ques, Blues and Cruise' event
- Shared concerns from past (additional dumpster will be provided)
- Request for Jon to mark-off cemetery for event
- Arrangements may need to be made to have grass mowed
- Davis recommended to keep in mind appropriate sponsors

**Action:** Keith will be given a copy of alcohol policy. Teams should be given a waiver to sign. Amy will draft a waiver and Dick will review.

**Motion** was made by Brian Martin to approve application with Amy's alcohol waiver for teams (once Dick reviews) with friendly consumption reminder for guests. Bob Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with aye.

**Motion** was made by Bob Williams to adjourn the meeting. Tell Flowers seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with aye.

Respectfully submitted by Grace Simmons, Vestry Clerk