

Minutes of the St. Michael & All Angel's Vestry
March 21, 2016

Meeting convened at 6:35 pm.

Present: Rector Kevin Huddleston; Sr. Warden David Wiggins; Jr. Warden Bob Carlson; Treasurer Win Zoellner; Clerk Lindsay Mohn; Stephanie Stratemeier; Scott Schaefer; Leta Anderson; Dahl Metters; Bob Skaggs; Damon Matthew; Debbie Treglia; Ronda Barker; David Schlomer; Lindsey Hill Absent: Mike Meng; Allie Marquis

Meeting opened with a gathering exercise led by Ms. Anderson. Next, Mr. Schaefer led the evening's devotional.

Treasurer Zoellner did not have a financial handout this month, but told the Vestry of two issues which impacted the budget. First, it was discovered that some pension, 403(b) and HSA payments had been overlooked at the end of last year due to the lack of a parish bookkeeper. These issues have been resolved, however, they were an extra expense of about \$20K. However, the copier lease has been renegotiated, which will result in a savings of about \$6K. One apportionment payment was missed last year, so we will make a total of 13 payments in 2016.

Father Huddleston circulated the Parochial Report for the Vestry's review. Some relevant information includes the addition of 56 new members in 2015, compared to 41 members lost. The total active baptized members reported is 2,478, and the number of members in good standing is reported as 2,296. He also reported that no one in the office has a working knowledge of 'Church Membership Windows', so the actual membership numbers are different from those reported. Father Huddleston guessed that the real number of active members is on the order of 1,200 - 1,300. Pledging units number in the 300's. Sr. Warden Wiggins noted that both the photo and membership directories are not accurate. Kevin+ explained that the church would lose information permanently if they were to remove members.

The Vestry went into Executive Session for about 10 minutes to discuss a confidential issue.

Sr. Warden Wiggins reminded the group that they still needed to complete the Mutual Ministry Review. Father Huddleston intends to resend the information next week, with a due date to be determined.

Jr. Warden Carlson reported that the GPS classroom update is almost finished. He is focusing on the garden lighting update, which needs to be done to convert 110 voltage to low voltage wiring. They have received a bid which came in between \$7K - 8K, and are seeking further bids. The choir loft project is a work in progress. Three of the mechanical systems are in need of replacement due to age. They are bidding replacement costs.

There being no corrections or additions to the minutes, they were accepted as written.

Mr. Schaefer asked about the status of the front circle drive, specifically as to the need for more handicap parking spaces. Mr. Carlson explained that they had considered three options, but that the issue was tabled for now.

Mr. Schlomer moved to accept the Parochial Report as written. Ms. Barker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Vestry then discussed Conversation #2 in 'Lasting Impact', by Carey Nieuwhof. In particular, Father Huddleston wanted the Vestry's opinion about the '11 Reasons Why Even Committed Church Attendees Are Attending Less Often'. Father Huddleston recorded the resulting comments for future review. The Vestry ended the discussion by making note of the importance of having a number of small groups focusing on more than activities. Father Huddleston promised to send out information about building small groups for the Vestry's consideration.

Mr. Skaggs said he felt it would be a good idea to change the way that handicapped and mobility challenged parishioners are served the eucharist. The current method is for the ushers to inform the clergy or eucharistic ministers at the 8:45 and 10:45 services, and for the eucharistic team to get this information visually at the other services. Mr. Skaggs suggested either serving those parishioners prior to the rest of the parish in order to honor them for making the extra effort to attend a service, or to serve them simultaneously with the rest of the parish. It was agreed that this is an important issue, so it will be revisited at a future Vestry meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. Next meeting Monday, April 18, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Mohn
Clerk of the Vestry

