

Minutes of the St. Michael & All Angels Vestry Meeting
May 18, 2016

Meeting convened at 6:30 pm.

Present: Diocesan Bishop, The Right Reverend Dean Wolfe; Rector, Reverend Kevin D. Huddleston; Associate Rector, Reverend David Cox; Parish Administrator, Reverend John Goddard; Clerk, Lindsay Mohn; Mike Meng; Dahl Metters; Stephanie Stratemeier; Bob Skaggs; Allie Marquis; Leta Anderson; Debbie Treglia; Ronda Barker; Lindsey Hill; Scott Schaefer

Absent: Sr. Warden, David Wiggins; Jr. Warden, Bob Carlson; David Schlomer; Damon Matthew

Meeting opened with a Team Building exercise led by Ms. Anderson. The takeaway messages were that one person's touch can have quite an impact, and that we should trust one another's good intentions.

Bishop Wolfe greeted the Vestry. He is required by Canon law to visit at least once every 3 years, but his actual visits have occurred about every 15 months. Bishop Wolfe reported that Convention will be held in Wichita this year. Both Dioceses in the state will be there. Our Diocese consists of 45 parishes, with about 12,000 parishioners total. The Bishop emphasized that our polity is 'one church in 45 locations'. He went on to praise ECS and other Kansas social service organizations, and noted that almost every such institution we have in the state was founded by a faith community. Worldwide, there are about 80M individuals in the larger Anglican Communion. Episcopal churches exist in 16 countries, with the largest Diocese being in Haiti. Bishop Wolfe provided background information about the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry. Bishop Kemper was responsible for forming four Dioceses during his tenure. The school now trains for the Diaconate, as well as training priests, and they are focusing more on training lay leaders. A parish our size should have 30 - 40 participating in lay leadership. Bishop Wolfe added that he acts as the symbol for the wider church, which is one of the reasons he participates in Confirmation orders. He wants to emphasize our 'oneness' in spite of the variety of individual opinions. To quote Bishop Wolfe, 'this is the church my son's generation is looking for, they just don't know it'. The Bishop thanked the Vestry for their service and commitment, noting that each person had given something up in order to be a part of this leadership group. Bishop Wolfe prompted discussion with a question about what the next big thing will be for 'the church'. He suggested it might be a different model than what we now follow, and that change is challenging 'because of our great and holy traditions and history'. We need to discern where we are going as well as where we do not want to go. We need to listen to what God is calling us to do collaboratively. The Bishop noted that increasing and retaining members is a product of faithful ministry, but it should not be 'the' goal. The focus should be on building disciples. Ms. Barker asked how often the Diocese does a strategic plan, and the Bishop responded that one has not been done in the last 3 years. Right now, they are working on moving BKM into the undercroft of the cathedral, but the cost is about \$400K.

Rector Huddleston reported that 8 people were confirmed last weekend, and that 11 have signed up to take/audit a class being taught by Reverend Craig Loya in Topeka next month. He said that the clergy and staff look forward to having Deacon Stevie Carter return to serve as our Deacon next month. After a brief discussion, Ms. Barker made a motion to purchase gifts for our seminarians in an amount not to exceed \$1K. Ms. Treglia seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There was no Sr. Warden's report.

In news from the Jr. Warden, road 'humps' have been installed in the parking lot, which are especially useful during drop off and pick up times at the Day School. They are movable, so can be relocated or removed as appropriate. The newly contracted cleaning service is working out well.

Mr. Zoellner distributed the financial report. In discussion, he noted that the projected budget for April was the budget in fact for the month. Cash on hand at month end was \$115K (of which \$27K is in a CD), and the line of credit balance is zero. There is \$300K available to draw from the LOC. There were pension and apportionment expenses paid recently that were not budgeted for 2016. This will result in our making 13 apportionment payments in 2016. These expenses reduced net income to \$16K (from \$51K), but were primarily timing issues. The Finance Committee plans to discuss several things at their upcoming meeting. These include selecting a different 'Church Windows' product, changing our accounting basis from a modified cash basis to a full cash basis, and potentially changing the fiscal year end to facilitate budget planning. They also intend to clean up the member data base and review the employee handbook. Mr. Zoellner updated the newer Vestry members on what has occurred over the last 6 - 9 months, emphasizing that the addition of parish accountant Liz Beedle has been crucial to getting our finances ordered and corrected.

Father Goddard reported on what he has been focusing on during the three weeks he has been employed as Parish Administrator. He has been working on a communication plan for social media, and organizing parish records.

Father Huddleston circulated a Resolution declaring May 22nd 'Penny Day' in honor of Penny Hooper, who has been Director of the Nursery for 30 years. There will be a celebration of her ministry in the parish hall at 9:50 am on that day. Father Huddleston also noted a couple of other important dates, including the Ordinations of Charles Everson, Jim Cummins and Doreen Rice on June 11th.

As there were no corrections or changes to the minutes, they were accepted as written.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Next meeting Monday, June 20th at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Mohn
Clerk of the Vestry