

Minutes of the St. Michael and All Angels Vestry
November 21, 2016

Meeting convened at 6:30 pm.

Present: Rector Reverend Kevin Huddleston; Jr. Warden Bob Carlson; Treasurer Win Zoellner; Clerk Lindsay Mohn; Leta Anderson; Debbie Treglia; Bob Skaggs; Scott Schaefer; Dahl Metters; Ronda Barker; Mike Meng; Lindsey Hill; Stephanie Stratemeier

Absent: Sr. Warden, David Wiggins; David Schlomer; Allie Marquis

The meeting opened with a Dwelling in the Word exercise.

Next, Ms. Treglia reported on behalf of the Stewardship Committee. The weekend went well pledge wise, although Debbie got a couple of calls from parishioners who were offended by the fact that the addressing of the Stewardship letters went by default to the listed head of household rather than naming both names of married couples. It is an issue which needs to be resolved within the Church Windows program. Ms. Treglia was pleased that Gaye Lynn Huddleston had suggested creating pledge cards for the youth. These not only allowed for a pledge of funds, but also for a potential commitment of their time. It was agreed that letters should go out to those who pledged last year but have not done so this year. The Vestry agreed that it was important to make thank you calls to everyone who has pledged already. There will also be consideration of a spring pledge drive to allow new members to participate in Stewardship part way through the year.

Father Huddleston reported that Art Menke and the volunteer group he has recruited are doing a great job working with the youth. They have been provided with a curriculum. The average time it takes to recruit a full-time youth minister is about 18 months, which is discouraging, since we are recruiting for a part-time person. It seems to be a trend that local schools of theology won't post job openings from denominations other than their own, which further narrows our options. Father Kevin has made it clear that he is willing to wait for the right person rather than just hiring someone who is lukewarm about the job. New vestments have been ordered in Lenten colors, and are being funded by a generous parishioner out of thanksgiving.

There was discussion about the status of the Nominating Committee's work to recruit candidates for Vestry for affirmation at the Annual Meeting on January 28, 2017. Ronda Barker resigned her Vestry seat during this meeting. She cited personal reasons for her resignation. With that consideration, and the current roster of only eleven members, the Nominating Committee will need to bring a total of six names for consideration. To date, there is one individual who has accepted the remaining one year term that was previously Damon Matthew's. There are two more parishioners who have agreed to sign on for three year terms, and there are three parishioners whose have been contacted and are considering their responses. Bob Skaggs pointed out that they still need the list of Convocation Delegates.

Father Huddleston noted that the Presiding Bishop will visit Kansas City from May 5 - 6, 2017. In other news, the Dean of the Cathedral of the Diocese of West Missouri is recovering from a stroke. Father Huddleston and Father Cox will both be at the Clergy Conference in Wichita from December 13 - 16.

Jr. Warden Carlson sent a comprehensive report out by email, as usual. His verbal report was of some of the highlights. Carmen Black has been hired to be the Sunday Sexton. Jerry Kirkwood will work from Tuesday through Saturday. The new Night Sexton, Jim Cook, is working out well. The Choir loft project is still in the planning stages. Dr. Ken Walker has financing available for these upgrades. The HVAC replacement in the library has been tabled until Spring, as has the garden lighting revision.

Treasurer Zoellner circulated a report of October's highlights. Revenue was \$131K, up from \$81K in the prior month. The actual PYTD expense amount includes \$200K used to pay down the mortgage. This was a one time expense. The line of credit, which had a balance of \$30K was paid off in October. The current Operating Fund balance is about \$69K. Pledges received to date number 198, totaling about \$640K. Six of these are new pledgers. This leaves about 150 pledging units outstanding over last year. As a reminder, 2016 pledging units numbered 343, totaling \$1,052K.

A card with information about Advent activities and Christmas services is being sent to the Boy Scouts and the Day School families.

Mr. Skaggs reported having some issues with the online directory, and it was agreed that a list of names and addresses could be posted so that people could use it to send holiday cards.

There were no additions or corrections to the October minutes.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Mohn
Clerk of the Vestry