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Minutes of the Vestry of St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church
April 24, 2017

Present: Rector Kevin Huddleston; Sr. Warden Marty Pyle; Jr. Warden Bob Carlson; Treasurer Win Zoellner; Clerk Lindsay Mohn; Dahl Metters; David Schlomer; Leta Anderson; Scott Schaefer; David Allen; Gordon Alloway; Dennis Kissinger; Leslie Malle; Lisa Welker; Margaret Schramm; Lindsey Hill

Absent: Allie Marquis

Meeting convened at 6:30 pm with a 'Dwelling in the Word' exercise.

Father Kevin introduced new Youth Minister Emily Burke, who gave the Vestry an overview of her academic experience and spiritual influences. She has already been in contact with several people within the Diocese, and met yesterday with a group of 30 - 35 youth and parents. She is on the staff for Mega Camp. When asked about her goals, she replied that he would like to be ordained eventually. She would also like to pursue a PhD in Theology in order to teach it. She is currently a student at MidAmerica Nazarene University, and will finish there in a couple of weeks. When asked what the Vestry could do for her she replied that she hoped she could count on their support, and was grateful for the budget she has available. She wants people to be encouraged to go directly to her with issues. Ms. Burke intends to reach out to Susie Swanson to be sure the acolyte community knows they are welcome at youth events. Ms. Burke left the meeting after her report.

Father Kevin reported that the Easter Egg Hunt was a great success. He shared attendance records from nine High Holy Days from 2008 to date. He noted that Christian Formation had an attendance of 40 - 50 parishioners, and that the GPS attendance has been trending upwards. The youth readers at the 8:45 service have been well received, and the youth choir is growing. The NRSV version of the Bible is used in Sunday School, so the readings at 8:45 have not been changed for the sake of simplification. Brunch attendance also continues to grow. The Kitchen Angels donated all of the profits from the Lenten period back to the parish. The addition of simple music to the Saturday night service has been well received. Administrative Assistant Judy Erickson has cleaned up all of the baptism, burial and wedding records. Parishioners have responded favorably to their ability to pay for brunch with a credit card.

Sr. Warden Pyle reported that Norm Olson's Stewardship survey is ready to launch. Mr. Alloway offered to help write the cover letter. One on one interviews will be conducted following the survey.

Jr. Warden Carlson added comments to follow up on his written report. Issues with the kitchen AC unit will necessitate the addition of a freeze thermostat which will turn the coil off but force the fan to continue to blow. The coil temperature will rise which will kick the AC back on. This was an unanticipated expense of \$678. The thermostat in the Day School hallway is connected to a heat source but not an AC source, so an AC thermostat will be added at an unanticipated cost of \$282. Jerry Kirkwood is systematically switching out old bulbs to LED bulbs for future energy savings. Blinds have been replaced in Spencer Hall. The Altar Guild has asked that the Altar rail be refinished. Jerry will do this project, as well as cleaning the walls of the east and west aisles. He is also now in charge of the Memorial Garden burial legend. Jerry reports that the new night sexton (Elliot) is working out well. The parking lot will be resealed and restriped one Saturday in May after the Day School's academic year ends. Works under consideration from prior months are unchanged from the last report. There was discussion about an organ pipe that had frozen during the 10:45 Easter service. It was bad timing, but has now been repaired.

Mr. Zoellner opened his report with news that pledge payments were down \$18K in March. There were remarks suggesting this might be due to it also being tax time. Expenses were over budget by \$9K but were not due to any one particular issue, although the electric bill has been running higher lately. There are 17 HVAC systems in the building, and lock boxes will be added to all of the thermostats to guarantee better control. One new pledge has been received since last month, in the amount of about \$4,800. About \$30K in unbudgeted pledges has been received since the annual meeting; the projected deficit has therefore been reduced to \$17K from \$47K. The Operating Fund balance was \$167K, and the cash balance was \$165K as of March month end. The Parochial Report has been completed, and was on hand for signatures.

Mr. Schaeffer asked if the minutes would reflect an abstention from a vote. Clerk Mohn responded that it would only show if the individual who wanted to abstain made her aware, otherwise only 'yay' and 'nay' votes would register. He asked to go on record as having abstained from voting on the hiring of a Stewardship consultant, which occurred at the March Vestry meeting.

Mr. Metters moved to accept the March minutes as written (with the addition of Mr. Schaeffer's request from above). Mr. Allen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Mohn
Clerk of the Vestry