Minutes of the St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church Vestry

August 17, 2015

Meeting opened at 6:30 pm with a devotional led by Mr. Meng

Present: Rector Kevin Huddleston; Sr. Warden David Wiggins; Jr. Warden Bob Carlson; Clerk Lindsay Mohn; Mike Meng; David Schlomer; Debbie Treglia, Judy Miksch; Ronda Barker; Kent Jackson; Leta Anderson

Absent: Treasurer Win Zoellner; Elizabeth Gooch; Walker Phillips; Damon Matthews; Jerry Cormack; Stephanie Stratemeier

The meeting opened with an exercise directed by Ms. Anderson.  Father Kevin then led discussion of Chapter 9 of the book 'Deep & Wide'.

The group discussed ways to acknowledge lay participation in the services and decided recognition should be printed in the newsletter in arrears of the service dates.

Kevin+ noted that the Foundation paid for the TV monitors now installed in the hallway.  He then discussed some staff changes, in particular that Drew Vining is moving to St. Louis at the end of September.  Drew's last day is scheduled to be September 23rd, and there will be a going away celebration on the 20th.  Kevin+ intends to replace Drew with two part time staff members, one dedicated to the Youth program and one dedicated to Communications/IT.  Kevin+ intends to Chair the Stewardship Committee this year, and to emphasize that Stewardship should be a way of life, not a pledge drive.  Pledge cards will be placed on the altar on the final Sunday in November.

Jr. Warden Carlson sent a comprehensive report to the Vestry by email prior to the meeting.  The main issues to note include Vestry approval needed to fund carpeting of the Adult Classroom and the Back Snack Room.  The Finance Committee approved this item at their August meeting.  The cost should be about $4,500, and will be funded via the Columbarium Fund.  Later this fall, one of Troop 199's scouts will remove the current paneling in the Adult Classroom, paint the room and also remove a wall in that room.  Quality will be controlled by the help from adult volunteers.  Mr. Jackson moved to approve the funding of this project, Ms. Treglia seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.  Mr. Carlson reported that parishioner Kim Sorenson had presented three plans to renovate and add handicap parking to the front circle drive.  These plans are being considered by B&G.  The Day School has purchased, and will pay to install new windows in their classrooms at the end of August.  The Gardening Angels are evaluating tree trimming options.  There are about a half dozen additional projects in the planning or pricing stage; details were in Mr. Carlson's written report.

Treasurer Zoellner's written report was available in his absence.  Both income and expense amounts were close to budged amounts, although there was no progress made in closing the gap on the YTD deficit.  In Old Business, the potential for accepting electronic payments, which has been under consideration for some time, has now been established.  However, there is a charge for using this service.  Per the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Ms. Barker moved that we add a 2.5% surcharge to cover this expense.  Mr. Schlomer seconded the motion, which was taken to a vote and passed unanimously.  The cash netting consideration and loan refinance action continue to move forward.  More details on both of these issues will be provided at the September Vestry meeting.

Kevin+ circulated a Letter of Support and Commitment from the Vestry for Nomination for Ordination of Jennifer Allen.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Mohn

Clerk of the Vestry