

***Christ Church***  
***Vestry Meeting Minutes***

**March 21, 2017**

**Approved April 25, 2017**

**Open-Welcome**

Rector Seth Dietrich called to order the regular meeting of the Vestry on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:05 pm

The following voting members were present: Rector and Vestry President Seth Dietrich, Senior Warden Mary Jones, Junior Warden Rick Donner, Jim Benton, Jean Biezk, Steve Bruemmer, Carol Crowley, Penny Cruse, Kari Foote, Chris Goodale, Tom Herbstreith, Sarah Murphy, and David Short.

The following non-voting members were present: Vestry Clerk Kathy Stanford and Treasurer Mike Giesecke.

The following voting member(s) were absent: Sam Harshner and Barbara Larkin

Opening Prayer: Mary Jones

**I. Financials for February**

Mike Giesecke reviewed the financials from February. The financials are steady without much to report. Pledges are coming in as expected with no big expenses.

Mike moved on with an update on the Good Shepherd campaign. Mike and Mary met with BMO to open a new account which will separate the capital campaign's donations and expenses from the church. Bill Davies will set up a separate set of financials for the Good Shepherd account. Mike and Mary also discussed the possibility of a line of credit which may be necessary since expenses are loaded at the front end and donations have a three year payout.

Line 5620: Tom Herbstreith asked if there is a way to do a building audit to anticipate possible building repair issues so that we are proactive rather than reactive. Seth mentioned that Findorf may have done some of this work in connection with the Building Projects Committee. It was also noted that there is \$80,000 in reserve to cover emergency situations.

Motion made to accept the financials for February which was seconded and approved unanimously.

## **II. Rector's Report**

- The Parochial Report was reviewed and discussed. There were 26 new members that joined the church last year but 28 left due to attrition, such as a move or health issues. Penny Cruse made a suggestion to do a simple bar graph of attendance and membership over the last few years so that it can be compared with changes to these numbers going forward once the building addition has been completed.

It was noted that Seth Allen Raymond should be removed from the list of priests.

A motion was made to accept the Parochial Report, as amended with the removal of Seth Allen Raymond's name from the list of priests serving the congregation. It was seconded and approved unanimously.

- Seth has had several conversations with Scott Stoner about how Living Compass could be incorporated into the Wellness Committee initiative which is co-chaired by Jenni Sevenich and Ann Kowaliczko.
- Search for Assistant Rector. Seth reported that there have been about 15 applicants with 4/5 as viable candidates. He has had several phone conversations with several of these candidates. Next steps would be Skype interviews with the Search Committee; with final candidate(s) to have personal interviews. It has been a slow process and the position may not be filled until the end of the year.

## **III. Building Projects Committee Report on the Good Shepherd Campaign**

The Building Projects Committee met on March 20, 2017. The campaign was launched on February 19, 2017 and is off to a good start. It and will end May 7<sup>th</sup> and it is hoped that construction can start in August to avoid winter costs of construction. If it is necessary to delay the project until April 2018, there may be an increase in costs of 3-4%.

There was a discussion about sending an email blast of the video that has been made about the Good Shepherd Campaign so that everyone would have an opportunity to learn more if they were not able to attend the kickoff event.

#### **IV. Outreach Committee Disbursement of Funds**

The 2017 budget for the Outreach Committee of \$43,000 was presented. It has not deviated much in the last two years.

A motion was made to accept the Outreach Committee budget. It was seconded and approved unanimously.

#### **V. Additional Business**

- February Minutes: The minutes from the February 17, 2017 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the February minutes. It was seconded and approved unanimously.
- Morning Vestry Meeting: Seth said he would like to experiment with a morning Vestry meeting from 7:30-9:00 am. It was agreed by all to try this in July or August.
- Goals from Vestry Retreat: It was decided to have a quarterly review of the vestry goals with the first review in May.

#### **VI. Closing Prayer**

Following Compline, Rector Seth Dietrich adjourned the meeting at 8:52 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April, 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Important Dates:

April 9<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday

April 13<sup>th</sup> - Maundy Thursday

April 14<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday and All People's Retreat

April 15<sup>th</sup> - Great Vigil of Easter

November 14<sup>th</sup> - Vestry Meeting moved from November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Vestry Clerk: Kathy Stanford