

Emmanuel Episcopal  
Church

Vestry Meeting  
Minutes

August 15th, 2017

Present: Rev. Ellen Ekevag, Rev. David Jackson, Cindy Mottl, Mary Pat Anderson, Dorren Gertsen-Briand, Jean Owen, Vicki Roe, (Larry Brongel - Treasurer) Lisa Enright, Kathleen Valenta, Mike Bolton, Judy Staiano (clerk)

Absent: Hendrik Noth, Bill Hoekwater, Suzanne Jasiak

Also present: Dan Mottl (Organ Committee Chair) & George Tarasuk

1. . Formation

- a. Call to Order – 7.05pm pm
- b. Opening Prayer by Lisa Enright

Reflections of book: Jesus leads by example, through teaching, love, kindness yet authority

2. Information

May Minutes – Motion by Ellen Ekevag to approve May minutes as/if amended.  
Seconded by Bill Hoekwater. Motion Carried by all.

a. Treasurer's Report – Larry Brongel

Cash balance is going down, probably down to \$20,000 by the end of August, and we may need to ask Sue J to transfer some funds, from the Antique Show and the Baker's Shelf.

Q. Why is the projected B & G costs higher in August? A. Higher insurance bills for December. Q. Do we have a comparison for usage /electricity since the A/C installed? A. Tom L. may be able to give us an idea.

- i. Cindy Mottl moved to accept the treasurer's report. Mike Bolton seconded. The report was unanimously accepted.

b. Individual Reports

- i. Senior Warden – Cindy Mottl

Has been looking at the phone system, as it was very difficult to follow. Medlin called to quote and will bundle all together. In the process we discovered that we had been paying for an AT&T line for \$366 per month, which was for a phantom alarm system, allegedly and historically claimed for an alarm system connection to the Fire Dept – totally untrue, and unnecessary – it will be cancelled with immediate effect. Also along the same alarm 'story' was a Tyco contract for \$77 a quarter (seemingly for the Insurance) Andy Dolliff (our Insurance agent) assures us both now necessary/non-existent. We do not have a functioning alarm system. When new system switched over, may change to Comcast. Also looking at our internet. The quotes include upkeep and maintenance.

ii. Committee Liaison Report Highlights

1. Buildings and Grounds

Red door still too light, and will be painted a darker color. The faulty air-conditioner in Memorial Hall will be replaced next season, approximate cost \$500.

iii. Dave Jackson

We will hold a Ministry Fair on September 10<sup>th</sup>, after both services meant to be informative and fun, but to raise excitement and provide information for various ministries. Coffee hour will not be at the back of the church on that day.

iv. Rev. Ellen

Requested who would be interested in attending the October Vestry retreat, for next vestry meeting.

3. Discussion

- Pipe Organ, new information has come to light whereby the pay schedule has changed; it is now mostly front loaded, because of the nature of the work, new negotiations are underway. Looking at brochure printing, for broader circulation mailing. Will need to use some of organ funds for printing costs.
- Re: Coffee Mornings, Vestry may have to take up empty slots, suggested that help is enlisted with other parishioners. Requested coffee hour schedule to be sent again.

4. Decision

- a. Motion – To find a simpler and less expensive solutions to our phone and internet needs with the oversight of the wardens, rector, and buildings and grounds.

Mike Bolton made the motion.

Lisa Enright seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Motion - To apply for a 501C3 to raise outside money for the care, maintenance, and repair of our Cassavant Organ. To be named: "Friends of Cassavant"

Mike Bolton made the motion

Jean Owen seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Motion - George Tarasuk has requested a special multipurpose musicians portable computer, which displays 3 pages of organ music, turns pages, cloud based, latest software, touchscreen. Asking for approval to go ahead with the purchase. Information given. Vestry agreed to purchase, with \$900 limit, and noted that it is and will be church property. Motion passed unanimously

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5. Closing Prayer – Rev. Ellen

6. Meeting Adjourned – 9.30 pm

### **Actions**

#### **Upcoming Meeting/Event Schedule:**

Next Vestry Meeting September 19<sup>th</sup>

Acolyte training October 9th

Vestry retreat October 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

Vestry Meeting October 17<sup>th</sup>

Next Community Night scheduled for November 16th

#### **Upcoming Coffee Hour Schedule:**

Aug 20th 8am, Coffee family 10am Valenta family

Aug 27th 8am Brian family 10am Enright family

Sept 3rd 8am ??? 10am Chrystal Beyer

Minutes submitted by Judy Staiano