

Grace/LaGracia Church
June 26, 2018
Vestry Meeting Minutes
7:30 PM

Attendance: Joe Gallo, , Sorraya Sampson Elliott, Irene Alves, Daisy Calderon, Hillary Fleming, Trisha McGuinness, Karen Odom, Marisol Ortega, Amy Owens, Rev. Judith Lee, Rev. Adolfo Moronta, Charlotte Roberson

Absent: Michael Heffner

Guests: Walter Simon, Robert Soso

Meeting opened with opened with the holy Eucharist

Walter Simon & Robert Soso presented options for updating and enhancing the churches Security system. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

The Vestry moved to accept the shared cost of the security system up to \$20,000. The CIA system is the recommended option.

(Irene Alves moved, Charlotte Roberson seconded, and Marisol Ortega abstained)

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of May 22, 2018 were reviewed and accepted. (Trisha McGuinness moved Irene Alves Seconded)

The Vestry agreed to review the Research committees' reports at the July meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Hillary presented the Treasurer's report. Please see attached.

The Vestry offered recommendations for the BOD for LUW the names included:

Nate Hogan
Walter Simon
Lisa Daley
Arlene Grant
Karen Southwick

Mother Judith and Marsol will speak with and vet the nominated individuals.

After much discussion regarding the limited assistance in planning and implementation of upcoming events, the Vestry voted to cancel the September Homecoming Picnic (Irene Alves abstained). The Vestry voted to keep the Retreat as scheduled for September.

Joe Gallo requested that we use the sign up form for greeting for the upcoming quarter. Maria will send a reminder before each Sunday to the volunteer.

The vestry voted to invite Bishop Curry to visit Grace in February 2020. Irene Alves will reach out to him on our behalf. (Joe Gallo moved, Trisha McGuinness seconded)

The Vestry discussed its response to the request to co-sponsor a forum by Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP) in a conversation about peace-building in Palestine and Israel hosted by Presbyterian Church of White Plains. A general discussion ensued on how the Vestry should respond to request for co-sponsorship to potentially controversial issues. Sorraya Sampson was asked to present a method for dealing with request such as these.

Joe Gallo recommended moving the safety deposit box in light of the fact that the Chase Bank location that currently houses the box will be relocating. The Vestry also discussed who should have access to the items in the Box. It was agreed that the Rector, Sr. Warden and one other person designated by the Rector and the Warden working with the documents would have access.

The Vestry approved the structure. (Trisha McGuinness moved, Karen Odom seconded)
Joe will research moving Grace Church Historic documents for storage at the Diocese.

The church will be scanning all the original documents. No original documents (church contracts etc.) are to leave the Church. All original document are to be secured in a locked cabinet. Anyone needing any church documents will be provided a copy. (Joe Gallo moved, Amy Owens seconded)

Joe Gallo announced that the Diocese will have phone vote regarding the grants for Grace Church. They were missing necessary documents that we previously submitted. He is also still waiting to get the accurate number for the churches assessment. Joe also recommended that we move forward with getting the approval from the Dioses and the NYS Attorney General to apply for a mortgage on the Vestry just in case we need to use that route for revenue for the needed repairs.

(Sorraya Sampson moved, Trisha McGuinness seconded)

Joe announced that the Search Committee was moving along well with identifying candidates for the Rector. He asked that the Vestry hold the month of October for Candidate interviews.

The Church will be creating and Organizational Chart. Mother Judith will speak with Delores Brathwaite regarding the pro and cons of also having an Employee handbook.

The meeting was adjourned.