

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2016

Present: Rev. Ellen Ekevag, Dave Jackson, Penny Longo, Cindy Mottl, Mary Pat Anderson, Andy Dolliff, Rob Ekroth, Lisa Enright, Hendrik Noth, Vicki Roe, (Larry Brongel - Treasurer, Meredith Gebhart - Jr. Vestry Member, Sue Jasiak – Clerk)

Absent: Dorren Gertsen-Briand, Jean Owen, Jenn Vince

1. Formation

- a. Call to Order – 7:03pm
- b. Opening Prayer – Mary Pat Anderson
- c. Book Study – Rev. Ellen
 - i. Some Highlights from Ch. 8 – “Leaders must make themselves their own spiritual projects” – “Can’t give what you don’t have”, need for a leader to be devoted to the cause; Graph on p. 170 lays out the vision for a blessed church but remember they rarely follow the straight line as shown on the chart; Blessedness is not numerical growth, but spiritual growth; remember to “stay out of your own way”

2. Information

- a. October Minutes - Motion by Rob Ekroth to accept October minutes as submitted – Motion Carried
- b. Treasurer’s Report – Larry Brongel
 - i. Balance of approx. \$17K in Operating Fund on 10/31
 - ii. Cash balance about the same as last month’s
 - iii. Received a refund of \$537 for Percy’s medical insurance
 - iv. \$750 for organ tuning
 - v. Line of Credit
 1. Paperwork is finalized for a 3-year line
 2. Pledged \$10K from the money market as collateral
 - vi. Bricks need to be ordered for the “Adopt a Square” program
 - vii. Motion by Cindy Mottl to accept the Treasurer’s report as submitted – Motion Carried
- c. Individual Reports
 - i. Senior Warden – Penny Longo
 1. Come to the Artist’s Meet & Greet on Friday, 11/18 from 7-9pm
 2. Vestry Cocktail Party (includes spouses) on Jan 28th
 3. After a discussion with Tina Rounds from BEDS, it is clear that BEDS does not want to take over the Brat Trot; not enough return and too many 5K runs; EEC will not be hosting Brat Trot in 2017

- ii. Junior Warden – Cindy Mottl
 - 1. Please support the artists (and their families) at the Advent Art Show, especially the reception on Friday, 11/18
 - iii. Committee Liaison Report Highlights
 - 1. Building & Grounds – Andy Dolliff
 - a. The window repair has been completed; final bill of \$945 was less than quoted price of \$1500
 - b. Electrical work has been completed in Beaudway kitchen
 - 2. Family & Youth Ministry – Dave Jackson
 - a. Need more confirmation class mentors for the 12 participants
 - i. Unrelated adults, matched by gender
 - ii. Need to attend a few of the classroom sessions and have to get together about once a month (e.g. Starbucks)
 - iii. Fosters another adult relationship
 - 3. Finance – Rob Ekroth
 - a. Marc Borge will be replacing Bill Kintigh on the Endowment Committee
 - iv. Rev. Ellen
 - 1. Diocesan Convention, Nov 18-19; Attendees include Penny Longo, Jean Owen, Andy Dolliff, Rev. Ellen and Meredith Gebhart as the Diocesan Youth Rep
 - 2. Stewardship In-Gathering Breakfast on 11/20
 - a. Fill out a post-it with words of thankfulness
 - b. Try to think of a toast of gratefulness
 - 3. Thanksgiving Basket assembly on 11/20 at 9am
 - 4. Nativity play – Heather Nesler and Caroline Roe will co-direct
 - 5. Adult Forum for next two Sundays (11.27 & 12/4) about Matthew and his gospel
 - 6. Drew Beyer will be installed as Verger on 11/27
 - 7. 2017 Vestry retreat planned for Fri-Sun, 10/6-10/8
 - 8. Two new families have joined as members!
- 3. Discussion
 - i. Discussed how the first three months of current church programming have been received
 - 1. Talked about ways to encourage the “10 am’ers” to come to Adult Ed at 9am
 - 2. Average attendance at Adult programming is 9-15 people
 - 3. We generally have a number of acolytes on Sundays which seems to be working out well
 - ii. Need to re-form a Pastoral Care committee
 - 1. Formalize what everyone has already been doing
 - 2. Provide some informal training for committee members
 - 3. Andy Dolliff volunteered to lead the committee

4. Decision
 - a. Swetnam request for Dave Jackson
 - i. Motion by Penny Longo to approve \$1685 for Dave Jackson's last seminary class from the Swetnam Fund – Motion Carried
 - b. Dave Jackson will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate at 11am on Sat, 12/17 at St. James Cathedral
5. Closing Prayer – Rev. Ellen
6. Meeting Adjourned – 8:55pm

Upcoming Meeting/Event Schedule:

Sun, 11/20/16 11:00am – Stewardship In-Gathering Breakfast
Wed, 11/30/16 6:00pm – Advent Supper (Christ's Genealogy)
Wed, 12/07/16 6:00pm – Advent Supper (Is Jesus human or divine?)
Wed, 12/14/16 6:00pm – Advent Supper (The Mystical Christ)
Tue, 12/20/16 7:00pm – Vestry Meeting (Book-Appendices/Take-aways & Opening Prayer-Sue)
Wed, 12/21/16 6:00pm – Blue Christmas service

Upcoming Coffee Hour Schedule:

Nov 27th - Mary Pat
Dec 4th - Andy
Dec 11th - Jenn
Dec 18th - Penny

Action Items:

- All – Remember to turn in your completed pledge cards if you have not already done so
- All – Try to offer a toast of thanks at the Brunch & Bubbly event
- All – Finish the homework for the December meeting
- Rev. Ellen – Send email about Thanksgiving basket assembly on 11/20 at 9am
- Penny – Finalize the brick order for the “Adopt a Square” program
- Sue – Write check for the 2016 Brat Trot proceeds and put in safe

Minutes submitted by Sue Jasiak