



## VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** October 9th

**Attendees:** Rev. Ellen Ekevag, Rev. David Jackson, Suzanne Jasiak, Andy Dolliff, Marc Borge, Dorren Gertsen-Briand, Kathy Lampert, Marc O'Brien, Vicki Roe, (Larry Brongel - Treasurer) Kathleen Valenta, Judy Staiano (clerk), Jenn Vince, Lily Dolliff,

**Secretary:** Judy Staiano      Call to order 7.04pm

Absent: Hendrik Noth, Mike Bolton, present by phone

Also present: Cindy Mottl

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### **Agenda**

#### I. Formation

Opening Prayer by Marc O'Brien

Animate: Why is the cross so revered when it seems actually to be an instrument of torture? God is forgiveness and loves us anyway.

#### II. Information

September Minutes, **Motion to pass the minutes, made by Kathleen Valenta, seconded by Andy Dolliff. All in favor.**

1. Treasurer's Report, we have only \$3200.00 in the operating fund. We had a high water bill (\$1,000 approx) and is usually \$3/400 - from watering the plants over the summer? Water rates have gone up! Tom Lampert will request a detailed water usage report. October should be ok. \$3,000 given in stocks but unable to see source, it will be identified soon, with Matt Longo's help. We should list all of the ways to give in the Sunday Times on in-gathering Sunday, Nov 21<sup>st</sup>. Run a Close the gap campaign in December? **Motion to pass the treasurer's report made by Andy D, seconded by Marc O'Brien. All in favor.**

2. Phantom of the Opera fundraising event; ticket sales should go to the Organ Fund and sales of refreshments should go to the operating fund. Tithe.ly; 3 people have given to date, finding it easy and that might help the deficit during the holiday. Vicki suggested we weren't being transparent enough, we should put the weekly attendance and offering in the E-News and The Sunday times along with the projected deficit. **Motion to report to E-News and The Sunday Times, the weekly attendance, offering and deficit, made by Andy D, seconded by Dorren GB. All in favor.**

3. Sue Jasiak, reported many events coming up; Historic Dinner Celebration, Pet Blessing, POP, Concerts, Trivia Night, Queen of Hearts raffle in partnership with Friends of Casavant, our charity. Vestry members should support and pledge to the Organ Fund. Kick off Q of H party at the Barrelhouse on Saturday, Oct 13<sup>th</sup>. Draw will be every Tuesday at 8pm at the Barrelhouse Social

for 26 weeks. Legally cannot draw the card in a public place, have to go back to private property (Emmanuel) due to gambling laws in La Grange. Phantom event – if the proceeds are split (Organ fund & Op fund) which ‘fund’ should incur the costs? Or any losses? Anxiety has been expressed by a parishioner that all of the funds being raised are going to the Organ fund, we should very clear where the money raised is going. Some complaints that there is lots of energy going to the Organ fund and not the Operating fund. Should there be a flat fee for an event with 10% going to the op. fund? Hard to justify that with outside people giving. **Motion made for the expenses and sales of refreshments to come from the operating fund and for the event tickets and expenses to go to the Organ Fund, made by Marc Borge, seconded by Dorren GB. All in favor.**

Trivia Night question – should the same principle apply to the funds from Trivia night? – no should be for the Pipe Organ as before. Tables available on the website.

In-gathering Sunday, vestry will provide a party for coffee hour. How can we get more people to stay for coffee hour, especially the new members/visitors? Should we move it back to Beaudway for better fellowship? Further discussion required.

#### Discussion

1. Co-Rector presentation to the vestry. Questions & comments by vestry. Initial comments; we have 2 young pastors, room for further development: if parish react negatively, what then? Hard to share Ellen; no rector available on a Thursday? Could be received negatively – Rev. Ellen still available by phone 24/7; opportunity for Rev. David to take on more responsibility; Ellen needs time to follow her career passion, would benefit the congregation, don’t want her to leave The Diocese is calling on Ellen more and more for consultation work - “Ellen is a special talent” quote by Bishop Lee. More progressive model for the church, for the community. Follows a closed session at 8.45pm.

Restored minutes at 9.31pm. Vestry decided to move forward with letter to send to parish. Parish discernment meeting set for November 4th

#### Decision

Buildings and grounds request. Tuck-pointing needs doing before the weather turns bad and before the Historic Dinner & Plaque Installation. Propose we use some money from the Columbarium fund, the cost is \$1,600. **Motion to use \$1,600 including any permit from the Columbarium in order to expedite the work, made by Kathleen Valenta and seconded by Andy Dolliff. All in favor.**

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Ending prayer by Marc Borge at 9.40pm

**Next Vestry Meeting:** on November 13<sup>th</sup>, not 20<sup>th</sup> (third Tuesday) as Thanksgiving week.

Larry Brongel, treasurer, will not be present at next Vestry Meeting.