

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2016

Present: Rev. Ellen Ekevag, Dave Jackson, Penny Longo, Cindy Mottl, Mary Pat Anderson, Andy Dolliff, Rob Ekroth, Lisa Enright, Dorren Gertsen-Briand, Jean Owen, Vicki Roe, Jenn Vince, (Larry Brongel - Treasurer, Sue Jasiak – Clerk)

Absent: Hendrik Noth

1. Formation

- a. Call to Order – 7:02pm
- b. Opening Prayer – Andy Dolliff
- c. Book Study – Rev. Ellen
 - i. Some Highlights from Part II & Ch. 3 – Mainline church doesn't focus on Trinity but it needs to be our focus; stop and pray before you act; try to find your unique purpose; we are in the process of defining a clear purpose for our church; need to "drill where the water is, not where we want it to be"; can't run a church just like a business, it is more than that

2. Information

- a. May and Special Minutes – Motion to approve minutes as amended for May Vestry and Special Vestry meeting by Cindy Mottl – Motion Carried
- b. Treasurer's Report – Larry Brongel
 - i. Balance of approx. \$11K in Operating Fund on 5/31
 - ii. Workers' comp and casualty insurance expenses were \$6300
 - iii. BEDS is caught up with their rent
 - iv. The roof bill was reduced; building fund will go down by \$12,500
 - v. \$5K of the Antique Show proceeds have been moved to the main account
 - vi. Need to "watch our pennies"
 - vii. Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Penny Longo – Motion Carried
 - viii. Motion to donate \$800 to BEDS, to move the remainder of the 2016 Antique Show proceeds to the Operating Fund and to allocate \$517 each to Youth Group and Confirmation class budgets by Vicki Roe – Motion Carried
- c. Individual Reports
 - i. Senior Warden – Penny Longo
 - 1. Installation of Rev. Ellen
 - a. Thurs, 10/13 at 7pm – Bishop Lee will be here for the installation, aka the "Celebration of New Ministry"
 - b. Discussion about effective date of call and letter from Vestry announcing the call

- c. Motion to make Rev. Ellen our Rector (no longer a Priest-in-Charge) effective on 8/1/16 by Penny Longo – Motion Carried

Jump to 3; will return to Individual Reports

- 3. Discussion with Kathy Clark about enrolling Emmanuel on the National Registry for Historic Places
 - a. Would be on the list for “Art & Architecture”
 - b. Our building was 90 years old in December 2015; need to be over 50 years old to be considered
 - c. Benefit is primarily for PR, pride and history
 - i. Possible to segue the registration into tours and advertising, publicity and marketing
 - ii. There might be some grants available to historic churches
 - d. Preliminary application goes to the State of IL, then a final application goes to the State of IL, then the State forwards it on to Washington, DC where the final decision is made
 - e. No fee if we complete the application ourselves though we would have to pay for the plaque
 - f. As of yet, Kathy Clark has not been able to discover any limitations or restrictions if we become registered
 - g. Motion for Kathy Clark to submit the preliminary application after getting assurances regarding potential limitations or restrictions in writing from the Village of LG by Penny Longo – Motion Carried
 - h. If any fees become known, Kathy will come back to the Vestry for approval

Return to 2.c. – Individual Reports

- i. Junior Warden – Cindy Mottl
 - 1. Operation Chill pledging has reached \$26,335
 - 2. Thank you notes for pledges to Operation Chill will start going out this week
- ii. Committee Liaison Report Highlights
 - 1. Christian Formation – Jenn Vince
 - a. Meeting for confirmation class planning is June 22nd at Jenn’s house
 - 2. Family & Youth Ministry – Dave Jackson
 - a. First Communion Instruction (“Solemn Communion”) will start in the fall
 - b. Youth Group will meet about 2 times per month (not on Confirmation class days)
 - i. Katherine Valenta will run events
 - ii. Dave will do the planning and the Christian formation
 - c. Confirmation Class will meet about 2 times per month on Sundays after church – 11am (not on Youth Group days)
 - d. Adult programs will start on 9/11 at 9am

3. Outreach – Dorren Gertsen-Briand
 - a. Visit with people from St. Paul the Redeemer was very productive
 - b. Quinn Center Barbeque on 7/22 will be run by Penny Longo
 - c. Exploring the idea of a summer barbeque with BEDS
4. Parish Life – Lisa Enright
 - a. Bike ride was a great event but was hoping for more people
 - b. How do we make sure that everyone is informed of happenings at church?
 - c. Pertinent information in e-News should be moved closer to the top as the date approaches
 - d. Will advertise next event on Facebook
5. Welcoming – Jean Owen
 - a. Needs another committee meeting
6. Building & Grounds – Andy Dolliff
 - a. Gardening Day on 6/26
 - b. Percy will set traps for the ants that have been found in the balcony and the Sunday school rooms
7. Finance – Rob Ekroth
 - a. The Finance committee would like to begin the budget process in September

iii. Rev. Ellen

1. Sun, 6/26 - Baptism
2. Sun, 8/7: 8am – service at Emmanuel; 10am – Gordon Park event for Endless Summer
3. Brat Trot – 9/10
4. Formation/Labyrinth Sunday – 9/11
5. Drew Beyer to be installed as new Verger – 9/18
6. Acolyte room to be transformed including decorations; called the “Moon Room”
7. Dorren and Dick to make visits to Deacon Bill’s wife, Rebekah; she is recovering from surgery and undergoing treatment
8. Susan Cox has Rev. Ellen’s thoughts for Finance committee
9. Communication and Stewardship strategy meetings planned for August
10. Tower Chorale to use church from 12/1 – 12/4
11. William Ferris on 12/4
12. Need to develop strategy for opening/closing church during special use events

4. Decision
 - a. Decided to cancel July Vestry meeting
5. Closing Prayer – Rev. Ellen
6. Meeting Adjourned – 8:49pm

Upcoming Meeting/Event Schedule:

Note: Vestry meeting on Tue, 07/19/16 has been cancelled

Fri, 07/22/16 Time TBA – Quinn Center BBQ

Tue, 08/16/16 7:00pm – Vestry Meeting (Book-Ch. 4 & Opening Prayer-Jean)

Thu, 08/25/16 Time TBA – Committee Night

Upcoming Coffee Hour Schedule:

July 10th - Rob

July 17th - Jenn

July 24th - Dorren

July 31st - Jean

Aug 7th - Cindy

Aug 14th – Hendrik

Aug 21st – Vicki

Aug 28th - Lisa

Action Items:

- Penny L and Cindy M – Write letter announcing Rev. Ellen being called as our Rector
- Rob E – Have Finance committee discuss what to charge for groups that use building

Minutes submitted by Sue Jasiak