

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2016

Present: Rev. Ellen Ekevag, Penny Longo, Cindy Mottl, Rob Ekroth, Lisa Enright, Dorren Gertsen-Briand, Hendrik Noth, Jean Owen, Vicki Roe, Jenn Vince, (Larry Brongel - Treasurer, Sue Jasiak – Clerk)

Absent: Dave Jackson, Mary Pat Anderson, Andy Dolliff

1. Formation

- a. Call to Order – 7:03pm
- b. Opening Prayer – Vicki Roe (Thrive by Casting Crowns)

Jump to 2.b.; will return to Book Study

2. Information

b. Treasurer's Report – Larry Brongel

- i. Balance of approx. \$25K in Operating Fund on 7/31
- ii. Waiting to pay several bills
- iii. There were not many bills in July
- iv. All of the income from the 2016 Antique Show has been deposited into the main account
- v. In a year over year comparison, this year is worse than last year
- vi. Creation Space income was overestimated in the budget; the Creation Space is about more than just money; summer vacations have negatively impacted attendance/income; Rachel's time has been limited as well
- vii. A/C unit has been paid for; not functioning yet because coil was defective and is being reworked in the factory
- viii. Line of Credit
 - 1. Would be \$25K for 3 years, cost for 3 year LOC was supposed to be the same as a 1 year LOC (\$500)
 - 2. Collateral would be the Columbarium fund
 - 3. Vestry would need to approve any use of the LOC
 - 4. Motion by Rob Ekroth to authorize Larry Brongel to negotiate with the First National Bank of LaGrange regarding a 3 year \$25,000 Line of Credit with \$10,000 collateral from the Money Market with a fee of \$500 or less; any use of the Line of Credit must be authorized by the Vestry before using it – Motion Carried

Return to 1.c. – Book Study

1. Formation

c. Book Study – Rev. Ellen

- i. Some Highlights from Ch. 4 & 5 – quality is paramount, not quantity, contemporary services do not appeal to millennials as much as one would think, Christ will not come to us if he is not invited, “No coincidences, just God incidences”

2. Information

a. June Minutes – Motion by Lisa Enright to approve June minutes as submitted – Motion Carried

b. Treasurer’s Report – see above

c. Individual Reports

i. Senior Warden – Penny Longo

1. Brat Trot is coming up on 9/10 at 8:30; please tell your friends!
2. We need a few more people to work the Garage Sale, especially on Saturday, please let Ellen Busch know if you can help

ii. Junior Warden – Cindy Mottl

1. Nothing additional to report

iii. Committee Liaison Report Highlights

1. Christian Formation – Hendrik Noth

- a. Nothing additional to report

2. Outreach – Dorren Gertsen-Briand

- a. Will be talking to the person in charge of Outreach at St. Chris’s
- b. Quinn Center BBQ was great! A vibrant event. Everyone really had a good time.

3. Parish Life – Lisa Enright

- a. Rev. Ellen’s reception will be on 10/13 so the Wine/Soda event will be cancelled or postponed
- b. Has considered planning a Fall bike ride since the Summer ride was so much fun

4. ECW/Antique Show – Vicki Roe

- a. Has prepared a document outlining the organizational structure and roles for Chairs and committees for 2017 Antique Show
- b. If we can’t fill the roles, it will be very difficult to plan and implement the Antique Show
- c. Some roles have already been filled
 - i. Event Chair – Penny Longo
 - ii. Food Chair – Ellen Busch
 - iii. Finance Chair – Sue Jasiak
 - iv. Have dealer committee but no Dealer Chair
 - v. Need to fill Facility Chair and Marketing Chair

5. Welcoming – Jean Owen

- a. A Welcoming Task Force will meet on Sunday, 8/21
- b. Committee includes Matt Longo, Steve Bukowski, Elizabeth Valeika, and Hendrik Noth

6. Christian Formation – Jenn Vince
 - a. Confirmation Class calendar is being finalized
 - b. Bringing back a Mentor program for confirmands
 - i. Need about 10 people – not the parents of the confirmands
 - ii. Will begin attending meetings with the kids after January
 - iii. Anyone interested in being a Mentor should let Jenn or Rev. Ellen know
- iv. Rev. Ellen
 1. Blessing of the Backpacks on 8/28
 2. Labyrinth Sunday on 9/11 starting at 9am
 3. Adult Formation will connect to Youth Formation
 4. Planning a series including “Plug into the Power of Prayer” and a “Saints” unit with St. George and the Dragon
 5. Drew Beyer and Andy Dolliff are rebooting the Acolyte program
 6. Elizabeth Valeika will work on cleaning out the Nursery; will start prior to the Garage Sale
 7. The Stewardship team will start meeting in September and includes Rev. Ellen, Cindy Mottl, Susan Cox, Ellen Busch, Mary Borge, Andy Dolliff and Bill Hoekwater.
3. Discussion
 - a. Committee Night – 8/28 at 6:00pm
 - i. Italian Night dinner (6-6:45)
 1. Food for about 25 people
 - a. Baked Ziti – Penny Longo
 - b. Roasted Veggies – Lisa Enright
 - c. Salad – Jean Owen
 - d. Bruschetta – Jenn Vince
 - e. Dessert – Dorren Gertsen-Briand
 - ii. Plan calendars to December 2016
 - iii. Examine budgets (will have information from previous 2 years)
 - iv. Go over scheduling with Judy (starting at 8:05pm)
4. Decision
 - a. Finance Committee Recommendations
 - i. Need to have a special meeting of the Vestry to approve the changes to the Endowment Trust document
 - ii. Dave Jackson’s Seminary Tuition costs about \$1600 per semester
 - iii. Swetnam Fund was set up to help pay for a seminarian
 - iv. Motion by Penny Longo to use funds from the Swetnam Fund to pay for Dave’s upcoming semester tuition – Motion Carried
5. Closing Prayer – Rev. Ellen
6. Meeting Adjourned – 8:51pm

Upcoming Meeting/Event Schedule:

Fri, 08/19/16 & Sat, 08/20/16 – Garage Sale

Thu, 08/25/16 6:00pm – Committee Night

Sun, 08/28/16 Blessing of the Backpacks

Sat, 09/10/16 8:30am – Brat Trot

Sun, 09/11/16 Starting at 9am – Labyrinth Sunday

Tue, 09/20/16 7:00pm - Vestry Meeting (Book-Part III/Ch. 6 & Opening Prayer-Dorren

Thu, 10/13/16 7:00pm – Rev. Ellen’s Installation and Reception

Upcoming Coffee Hour Schedule:

Aug 28th - Lisa

Sept 4th - Rob

Sept 11th - Andy

Sept 18th – Mary Pat

Sept 25th - Jenn

Action Items:

- Larry B – Confirm the interest rate for the LOC and negotiate as described in the motion
- Everyone – Try to get people to sign up for the Brat Trot
- Rev. Ellen – Post announcement about the special meeting to approve the Endowment Trust document

Minutes submitted by Sue Jasiak