

Emmanuel Episcopal
Church

Vestry Meeting
Minutes

March 21st, 2017

Present: Rev. Ellen Ekevag, Rev. David Jackson, Cindy Mottl, Suzanne Jasiak, Mary Pat Anderson, Dorren Gertsen-Briand, Vicki Roe, (Larry Brongel - Treasurer) Lisa Enright, Bill Hoekwater, Kathleen Valenta, Judy Staiano (clerk)

Absent: Jean Owen, Mike Bolton, Hendrik Noth

1. Formation

- a. Call to Order – 7.05pm
- b. Opening Prayer by Cindy Mottl

Book, - Prologue discussed – management is not synonymous to leadership, who are we in private?
Character is important.

Chapter 1 for next vestry meeting.

2. Information

- a. January Minutes – Motion made by Cindy Mottl to approve January minutes.
Seconded by Lisa Enright. Motion Carried unanimously

3. Reports

Treasurer's Report – Larry Brongel

\$44,800 in operating cash, January was good, February was down, but the year ahead looks OK. Bridge income line has been removed, March is the Bridge Clubs last month here at Emmanuel.

Diocesan Pledge not paid yet – will wait until the middle of the year.

Sue Jasiak moved to accept the treasurer's report. Bill Hoekwater seconded. The report was unanimously accepted.

Individual Reports

- i. Senior Warden – Cindy Mottl

Beds seem to be causing continuous problems for the building, ongoing

Coffee Hour - encountering some problems with missed Sundays. Large coffee urn demonstrated by Cindy as to its ease of use, especially with the timer. Brewing time is 45 minutes.

Junior Warden – Sue Jasiak

Antique Show, no final figure available yet, as final expense bills still to come. Wrap-up parish meeting set for April 23rd. Dave Jackson, initially annoyed by his office being used, was very happy with his newly organized re-fitted office.

ii. Committee Liaison Report Highlights

1. Parish Life – Lisa Enright

Vicar of Dibley oversight – may reschedule?

Seder Dinner by candlelight, please RSVP.

Easter Sunday– coffee cake, juice and mimosa during Easter Egg Hunt, no invitations being sent this year. Hold it indoor if possible. Who stuffs the Easter Eggs? The Youth did a great job of hiding the eggs last year.

2. Outreach – Dorren Gertsen-Briand

Emmanuel Wear, some orders are in, stocked some items anyway.

Baseball caps are available at \$20, would like to display items. Vicki offered the use of a collapsible rolling clothes rack, which is currently in the undercroft.

3. Memorial Committee & Scholarship Fund report

Request for funding by April 6th, ready for DEW meeting on Palm Sunday (April 9th). Motion made

iii. Dave Jackson

Finally has a credit card, after much to-ing and fro-ing with the bank.

iv. Rev. Ellen

Swedish trip booked for June

3. Special Discussion – Report and Demonstration to the Vestry by Pipe Organ Restoration Committee Members Dan Mottl & George Tarasuk

Discussion of our pipe organ. Looking for permission to begin Pipe Organ Project (POP)

Organ loft (above sacristy) is full of peeling paint, dust, is filthy: all corroding the pipes

George's demonstration - Keys on console, not working, spongy, out of tune, unable to play some notes (e.g. Wedding march opening note in D) no memory in keys/chords/organists expect it to work! Some organists won't come here. One day the organ will just stop working. We cannot wait for that to happen; need to be proactive.

George interviewed possible companies, but not many companies qualified to handle the 'classic' organ

Dan likened the project to that of restoring a classic car, properly and with patience and care. The organ is part of our art and historical legacy. The Casavant Organ is world renowned, valuable, and is custom-made for our space.

The project is likely to take 2-3 years, and we have to reserve our space to begin next year with a 10% deposit.

Suggested start time if we accept is immediately after Easter 2018. The organ is dismantled and shipped to Canada, the console is rebuilt, digitally, where the console could be moved if desired. The console would have many more chords, notes, functionality, and memory etc. due to modern fiber optic connectivity. Currently is bolted to the floor due to the physical nature/connectivity of the old pipes/hydraulic pumps/workings etc.

3 phases of proposed project

Imperative Phase 1 – the most expensive and the lengthiest \$267,000

Imperative phase 2 – the pipes and reconstruction, mostly done on site \$142,000

Optional phase 3 – is the beautifying of our space around the organ, 'cherry on the cake'

During Phase 1, we would be 6 months without an organ, between April – November likely, with a return to some use for Advent and Christmas 2018, and then during phase 2 we would have use but perhaps limited

Many questions asked by the vestry, Rev. Ellen will list them and answer them to print and publish for information.

A few sample questions: How long would it take? Why does it cost so much? Do we need an organ? Why not buy a refurbished organ? Or a cheaper organ? How much would a new one of same quality/stature cost? Why now?

A parish wide demonstration is set for April 30th after each service, where George can answer any questions and demonstrate to deterioration of the organ. A special vestry session will meet after that, on May 4th, to discuss the results/feedback/decision/path forward. A detailed timeline/financial proposal/suggestion model was put forward.

Pipe organ committee – Rev. Ellen Ekevag, Dan Mottl, George Tarasuk, Sandy Renner, Kathy Clark, Randy Valenta

4. Motions

- a. Motion – Move \$10,000 of the \$23,300 (See your balance sheets) in the RESTRICTED COLUMBARIUM FUND to a SUB ACCOUNT of the Endowment Fund. All income will be reinvested in this sub account. The Columbarium Fund is designated for the care and the maintenance of the Columbarium, and the Columbarium relocation should that ever be required. The Endowment Committee will be responsible for investing in accordance with fiduciary responsibilities established by the Endowment Committee for the long-term management of the Columbarium.

JUSTIFICATION: Less than \$500/year is spent on Columbarium maintenance. The \$13,300 balance remaining liquid in cash is more than sufficient to meet any expected near term needs. \$10,000 of this account is pledged against EEC's line of credit. The purpose is simple, to generate income from assets already held by the church. The value of the savings/money market account will continue to grow as new niches are purchased (\$2500 double/\$2,000 single). For the invested portion, compounding is a wonderful tool, especially for an unused asset like this, where funds are held and responsibly invested over time.

Bill Hoekwater made the above motion, Mary Pat Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Motion – for Dave Jackson, looking for endorsement of his final ordination, seconded by Kathleen Valenta and passed unanimously. Letter signed by all for Diocese.

5. Closing Prayer – Rev. Ellen

6. Meeting Adjourned – 9.10 pm

Actions

April 17th is next Vestry Meeting

April 30th parish wide Organ restoration demonstration after both services

May 4th ** special Organ Demonstration Session Meeting for the Vestry at 5.30pm

May 4th is next all committee night at 6pm,

Oct 6-8th is Vestry Retreat

July Vestry prayer will be led by Lisa E, not Mary Pat Anderson as scheduled.

Upcoming Coffee Hour Schedule:

2-Apr Bill H.

9-Apr Dorren

16-Apr Jean

23-Apr Cindy Mottl Jen Brian can help at 8am coffee hour *4th Sunday

30-Apr Sue