

Emmanuel Episcopal
Church

Vestry Meeting
Minutes

January 17, 2017

Present: Rev. Ellen Ekevag, David Jackson, Penny Longo, Cindy Mottl, Andy Dolliff, Rob Ekroth, Mary Pat Anderson, Dorren Gertsen-Briand, Hendrik Noth, Jean Owen, Vicki Roe, (Larry Brongel - Treasurer) Lisa Enright, Jenn Vince, Sue Jasiak (incoming Jnr. Warden) Judy Staiano (clerk)

Absent: Mary Pat Anderson, Hendrik Noth

1. . Formation

- a. Call to Order – 7.01pm
- b. Opening Prayer – Dorren Gertsen-Briand
- c. Reflections on previous chapter of book;
foundation of church critical,
remember our purpose (of the church and of God), make that central to our
purpose. Books ordered for next vestry.

2. Information

- a. December Minutes – Motion by Rob Ekroth to approve December minutes as/if amended. Seconded by Jean Owen. Motion Carried unanimously
- b. Treasurer's Report – Larry Brongel- we ended the financial year with a balance of \$18,900, meaning we had had a good year (2016)
 - i. Question to the Vestry "What should we do with the 'surplus'"
Rob Ekroth made a motion to put \$12,500 back into Building & Grounds
Vicki Roe said we should pay off some of the roof loan
It was decided to pay back 10% (\$1,800) towards the roof loan.
The balance will remain in the operating fund.
- c. \$7,000 was collected over the 2 Sunday's of Christmas, year-end statements going out soon.
- d. If people behind on pledges, only the statements will show --- suggestion---- that a statement should be sent at the end of November with a covering letter if they are behind on their pledges -----agreed.
- Insurance payment was lost in the mail in December, policy cancelled and then reinstated as a result of emergency payment made online
- Larry will be away for the last February payroll—Rev. Ellen authorized to call in with Clarence's hours.
- ii. Penny Longo voted to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Rob Ekroth. The report was unanimously accepted.

Individual Reports

Senior Warden – Penny Longo

The annual reports ready and looking ok.

Traditionally the incoming Jnr. Warden leads the DEW scholarship awards, which can be stressful, so Penny suggested the incoming Jnr. Warden just sit on the committee, which should choose its own leader. Motion made by Penny, seconded by Jean, all voted unanimously yes.

Junior Warden – Cindy Mottl

There are many new faces in church, which is wonderful. Discussed the welcoming ‘face’ of the ‘church’ and children running around during the service, and the reaction of parishioners to the children (shushing them etc) Agreed it is irksome, but.....We need to be welcoming, as need young families, trying to grow the church, the nursery is available if book in advance (in order to staff it), but most parents want their children with them. Suggestions made – perhaps somehow enclosing the soft space? Chad considering how to do this?

Andy D. said the worst time for that to happen is during the sermon (sorry!) and so suggests a ‘children’s time’ in St. Mary’s Chapel

Also discussion to use baptism space, but problem as no line of sight to the altar – children like that.

Coffee Hour – Do we like or dislike it at the back of the church? Penny likes it at the back because more people come. Some people still parishioners prefer Beaudway, perhaps because of more comfortable chairs.

Jean suggested we need to purchase a cart with rubber wheels for coffee, as it is held at the back of the church – the current cart is noisy and difficult across the uneven church floor. Agreed in principle – Ikea sells such carts.

Should we keep supplies for coffee hour at the back of the church?

The church doors also need oiling, they can be noisy to ‘creep’ in and out of during the service.

A new plaque has been ordered for the memorial fund, perhaps to be donated by the Lampert family Matt Longo has submitted the funds reports for the annual report.

Rob Ekroth has sent a detailed report for donating to Emmanuel for the annual report, such as bequests in parishioners wills, or that people over 70 can donate money from their IRA accounts. Will present at Annual Meeting, along with the budget for 2017.

Committee Liaison Report Highlights

Outreach – Dorren Gertsen-Briand

Feed my starving children – we have reserved 29 spots, and they need names – will put a sign-up sheet up at the back of the church, can we put it in the bulletin/e-news.

February 11th at 4.30pm in Naperville.

Emmanuel Wear – order forms will be available for the annual meeting, checks should be made out to Emmanuel, with Emmanuel Wear on the memo line.

Parish Life – Lisa Enright

Unfortunately Lisa will be away for the previously arranged date for an evening in the swamp, watching ‘The Vicar of Dibley’, can we postpone to 18th or 25th – agreed to rearrange for March 24th.

Youth Minister – David Jackson

Confirmation class will cater the breakfast for the Annual meeting.

Rector’s Report - Rev. Ellen Ekevag

Community night – who/how are we doing food/dinner? Donations not enough to cover the cost of previous food ordered, should all help with cost.

Ellen will be at the Diocese from Jan 29th to February 4th – CCD training

Discussed annual meeting agenda – who will be the Convention Delegates for 2017? – Andy Dolliff would like to attend again, along with Dorren Gertsen-Briand.

Vestry Orientation on Sunday 19th February at Cindy’s house after church, should be laid back, no fuss.

Discussed members of the parish who are ill, discussed pastoral care with Andy Dolliff. Still waiting for new vestry nominated members to accept.

Thanked and toasted out-going Senior Warden, Penny Longo and also vestry members Andy Dolliff, Jenn Vince, (Rob Ekroth??)

Closing Prayer – Rev. Ellen - Closing prayers for various friends, family members

Meeting Adjourned – 8.58 pm

Actions

- List all contributors of Operation Chill
- Donation statements to be done by January 29th
- 2017 Coffee Hour schedule to be sent

Upcoming Meeting/Event Schedule:

Friday, January 20th – Chalk Painting

Sunday, January 29th – Annual Meeting

Sunday, Feb 5th – Annual Show Meeting

Thursday, Feb 9th 6pm – 1Q Committee Night

Sunday, Feb 12th 3pm- ECW Winter Tea

Tuesday, Feb 28th – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Sunday, March 5th – Antique Show/Vintage Market Tear Down

March 10th/11th – Antique Show/Vintage Market

Friday, March 24th – Vicar of Dibley Viewing Party – Swamp

Coffee Hour January 29 – Annual Meeting – confirmation class

Minutes submitted by Judy Staiano