

St. Brendan the Navigator
Minutes of the Vestry/Renewal Team Meeting
June 21, 2018

Present: Lis Ingoldsby, Josephine Jacob, Pete Dane, Rich Paget, Peter Tarlton, Miriam Antich, and Barbara Kourajian.

Senior Warden Lis Ingoldsby called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. Rich Paget offered the Serenity Prayer to open the meeting.

Review and acceptance of the May 16th Meeting Minutes

Pete Dane moved to accept the Minutes of the May meeting; Rich seconded the motion. Lis had two comments: 1) she asked if page numbers could be added to the Minutes; 2) concerning the Priest's Discretionary Fund, she clarified that Vesta Kowalski recommended a policy of giving once to each person (this is the policy rectors usually follow).

The minutes were approved.

Review of May Financials

Pete reported there was nothing remarkable about the financial report. There was a question on the propane expense and Pete said it was ahead of our budget because of the timing of our deliveries. We had a huge delivery in January which accounts for the distortion.

A question was raised about the Maine Community Foundation (MCF) Loan. Pete clarified this was an internal loan (the Vestry borrowed \$7500 from itself through the MCF). We have been paying it back quarterly and our final payment will be made in August.

There was further discussion on the MCF Investment Account. Currently, it is an unrestricted account. Peter Tarlton asked whether we needed two separate accounts (Capital Checking and the MCF Investment Account) in terms of longer term capital planning. Lis noted the MCF Investment Account is not earmarked for anything and questioned if there should be some criteria around it. Peter Tarlton added that in the spirit of straight-forward communication, we should identify it. Lis suggested we re-visit this to come up with criteria for this Account.

Pete moved the report be accepted as presented. Miriam seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Debriefing of Bishop Lane's visit on May 20th

Lis reported the Bishop was pleased and he enjoyed himself. Everything went well.

Discussion on June 24th Parish Forum to address Renewal Plan Goal #5

We spent considerable time discussing the format for the June 24th meeting. We will highlight how far we've come and note the wonderful involvement of so many members in the work of the church. We decided the Vestry/Renewal Team will recommend the 1/3 priestly presence option. We also decided the discussion about Stewardship will have two components: 1) priestly presence; 2) maintenance of our building. Raising monies for increased priestly presence is the immediate issue. If we are blessed with additional funds, we will address the needs of the building. Lis asked Jo to compile a list of 10 priorities for the next 3-5 years that could be presented at the meeting. The list of long-term capital improvements made in 2016 could be used as a starting point.

We will ask for a show of hands for support of the Vestry's recommendation. Peter Tarlton and Miriam will draft a hand-out members will take with them. The handout will ask: 1) Do you favor the recommended option? 2) How do you plan to support this? (Options such as increased pledging, planned giving, and help with fundraising will be given.) Members will be asked to return these forms by July 1st.

Nominating Committee Update

The Committee is proceeding with their work and is waiting to hear back from several people.

Discussion about the 2017-2018 Annual Meeting

The Clerk will give Notice/Warning at least two weeks in advance of the meeting. The date will be publicized in The Navigator and on the website. Lis called for Officer and Ministry reports so the Annual Report can be compiled.

Other Business

- Pete presented a resolution pertaining to our Fidelity account. We had considerable discussion on this and decided to postpone passage of the resolution until our next meeting.
- It was brought to Lis's attention the announcements are way too long. It was also mentioned the Passing of the Peace has started to feel the same way. The latter will be brought up with the Worship Committee.
- Will there be an Annual Lobster Picnic this year? No date was set.

The next Vestry/Renewal Team meeting will be July 10th at 10 a.m. We also scheduled a meeting for Thursday, August 9th at 10 a.m.

We closed the meeting by reading the Prayer of St. Brendan together. The meeting was adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

Barbara Kourajian,
Clerk