

VESTRY MEETING MINUTES SUNDAY OCTOBER 18, 2015

Vestry Members present:

Fr. Anthony MacWhinnie
Chuck Barnett, Sr. Warden
Linda Aligood
Susan Early
Dan Ferguson
Ann Philen

Others Present

Viv Welch, Clerk/Communications
Brenda Ferguson, Church Secretary

Vestry Members absent:

Frank Murphy
John Velaski

I. Opening:

Father Anthony opened the meeting at 11:50 am with a prayer.

II. Review of Minutes:

- A. Chuck Barnett moved that the September 2015 minutes be approved. Ann Philen seconded the motion. Motion carried
- B. April 2014 Minutes still pending.

III. Senior Warden's Report:

- A. Coffee Service in the Narthex
 - i. Beth Woods researched coffee service and gave Chuck a report
 - ii. Chuck Barnett moved that we accept the bid from Community Coffee. Ann Philen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- B. Vestry Elections
 - i. Chuck Barnett asked the vestry for names of candidates for the rotating vacancies. Names submitted were Jackie Wright, Brenda Ferguson, Ron Philen, and Connie Chamberlin.
 - ii. Due to our financial position and to maintain continuity with the Thrift Store Plan, Father Anthony will speak to the Bishop about freezing the current vestry.
- C. Small Church Conference:
 - i. Chuck Barnett presented the plan for food from the food committee.
 - ii. The vestry established the following menu:
 - a. Breakfast: fruit, muffins, pastry, juice, coffee and water
 - b. Lunch: good bread (pre-sliced), smoked pork, roasted turkey (deli style), pre-sliced yellow and white cheese, green salad with side dressings, bagged chips, and sweet and un-sweet tea.

IV. Junior Warden's Report:

- A. The Argabrites volunteered to mow the entire property just prior to the Small Church Conference.
- B. Ray Farrel's brother-in-law donated a Husqvarna push mower.

V. Rector's Report

- A. The congregational loan from the diocese to open the Thrift Store was unanimously approved by both the finance committee and the standing committee.

- B.** Fr. Anthony mentioned that there is a lot of talent in the church that could help in fabricating fixtures for the thrift store, welding, building, etc.
- C.** The vestry discussed having a separate bank account for the thrift store (loan).
- D.** Pastoral Concerns:
 - i. A family member of people interred in the Memorial Garden requested to move the cremains to a family cemetery. After conferring with the Bishop, Father Anthony and Dan Ferguson removed the cremains from the Memorial Garden to be given to the family for reburial.

VI. Old Business – Covered previously under Vestry Elections

VII. New Business

- A.** Memorial Garden Terms and Conditions:
 - i. Because of the Pastoral concerns regarding the Memorial Garden, Brenda Ferguson consulted with Father Anthony about establishing Terms and Conditions for the Memorial Garden. Brenda presented the vestry with a draft document using best practices from other churches for St. Monica's Memorial Garden. Brenda asked that the vestry review the document and reply back to her or Father Anthony with changes.
- B.** Stewardship:
 - i. Brenda Ferguson explained to the vestry that due to the vestry's lack of planning, she had to prepare the pledge card at the last minute on Saturday evening before the ingathering on Sunday. She also encountered other issues with the Stewardship Program since there was no Stewardship Chair or prepared plan this year.
 - ii. The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS) prepares a new spiritually-based Stewardship Program annually for members. The cost for membership for congregations with average Sunday attendance less than 100 is \$100 per year. This allows access to stewardship ideas, articles and programs year round and all the materials prepared for customizing for the Annual Fall Stewardship program.
 - iii. If we use this program, it may be necessary to move our Annual Meeting to December in 2016 to allow time to prepare the budget since the program is designed for use in October each year.
 - iv. Brenda explained that two anonymous members of the congregation have agreed to pay the TENS membership for next year.
 - v. Dan Ferguson moved that the vestry allow these members to purchase membership in TENS for St. Monica's for 2016 and that St. Monica's use the TENS stewardship material for the stewardship campaign in 2016. Ann Philen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VIII. Treasurer's Report

- A.** Linda Aligood presented the treasurer's report,
- B.** As of today (Sunday, October 18) 17 pledge cards have been turned in.
- C.** There are several bills that still need to be paid, but there is not enough money at present in the General Fund to pay them.

- D. Susan Early moved that the funds in the Family Life Center and Playground accounts be moved to the General Fund temporarily to cover the bills that need to be paid. Chuck Barnett seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- E. Dan Ferguson moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Susan Early seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IX. Calendar Review

- A. October 31 - BoBS
- B. October 31 – Trunk or Treat
- C. November 7 – Flu Shots
- D. November 8 – Vestry Meeting
- E. November 14 – Small Church Conference
- F. November 15 – Annual Meeting
- G. November 22-28 – Father Anthony on vacation (Morning Prayer on November 22)

X. Closing/Adjournment

- 1. Father Anthony closed the meeting with prayer at 1:55 pm.