

Vestry Minutes for March 25, 2018

Present Vestry Members:

Marilyn Larson, Brett Hardison, Tom Renten, Carolyn Scott, Chris Odom, Christy Garrett-Jones, Jerusalem Greer, Taylor Tennison

Chris Odom called the meeting to order at 1:06 pm.

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by the Jerusalem Greer.

- A motion to approve the March 4 minutes was made by Brett Hardison.
 - Seconded by Marilyn Larson.
 - Unanimous vote in favor to approve the March 4 minutes as written.
- Finance Committee Report:
 - Discussion of the \$20,000 that was allocated to the Rector Search Committee, and what the Vestry wanted to reallocate it to.
 - Discussion of where to reallocate the Rector Search Committee funds was tabled until the next Vestry meeting.
 - Motion to accept the Financial Report was made by Christy Garrett-Jones.
 - Seconded by Carolyn Scott.
 - Unanimous vote to accept the Financial Report.
- Disciple, Parish Life, and Family Ministries Report by Jerusalem Greer
 - The church is in need of a new playground.
 - Prospective playground would cost around \$2,600.
 - Vestry agreed that an appeal for donations go out to the congregation via Lab Walk.
 - Lenten Small Groups have been doing great.
 - 2 groups would like to continue after the Lenten season.
 - Rev. Linda Brown and Rev. Peggy Cromwell are looking to start a new book study, *Walk In Love*. This would also supplement newcomer information sessions and the Lunch & Learns.
 - The first Lunch & Learn will be on April 15th.
 - Jerusalem and Carolyn are heading this effort.
 - We have moved Rally Day and the Blessings of the Backpacks to the same Sunday. This will now be held on August 12.
 - May 9th, EYC Ascension Day Kite Flying will be held at the Greer's farm. Eucharist will also be served.
 - May 5th, Evangelism Conference will be held at St. Marks. This conference is Diocese wide. Online registration is available.
 - Carolyn Scott will make an announcement on April 8th at the 11 o'clock service.

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- Columbarium, Newcomer's, Casserole Committees
 - After lengthy discussion about the need to seriously address the drainage issues in the Columbarium, the Vestry authorized John Churchwell to get 3 estimates/quotes to grade the courtyard and columbarium so water flows to Mitchell Street correctly. Once the estimates are received, they'll be reviewed and then a contractor will be chosen. The Vestry voted to use our existing Line of Credit to pay for this service. We anticipate the cost being around \$5,000.

- Church Office Report by John Churchwell
 - Leak in Jerusalem's wall has been fixed, but repair work to wall and ceiling is still ongoing.
 - Parish Administrator's Workshop (held at the Morgan House) was very well attended.
 - Richard Boosey's funeral to be held at St. Peter's on April 3rd.
 - Brett will work with Ted Warriner to ensure gravesite is dug out.
 - John Churchwell will be out of town from April 3rd-9th.
 - First wedding with new fees will be on August 11th.
 - Toby Rowe will celebrate Eucharist on April 15th.
 - First United Methodist Church foresees a split in the near future and we should expect to see additional visitors and members.
 - New light bulbs are needed in the sanctuary. LED bulbs, preferably. The cost would be \$300.
 - Restriping of the parking lot is also needed. Cost would be around \$300.
 - A motion to approve LED bulbs and restripe the parking lot, not exceeding \$600, was made by Christy Garrett-Jones.
 - Seconded by Marilyn Larson.
 - Unanimous vote to approve the restriping of the parking lot and the purchase of LED light bulbs.

- Junior Warden Report
 - Leigh Ann Warriner has agreed to serve as the Junior Warden.
 - Unanimous approval.

- Senior Warden Report by Chris Odom:
 - A vacancy has opened up for the Vestry.
 - A vote on a new Vestry member will be taken at the next Vestry meeting.
 - We need to start a spring Stewardship drive. Recommended that details be ironed out at the Retreat.
 - Retreat is scheduled at April 28th at All Souls Church in Scott, Arkansas. 9:00am-3:00pm.

- March Counters:
 - April 1st-----Brett Hardison and Chris Odom

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- April 8th-----Leigh Ann Warriner and Marilyn Larson
- April 15th----Genie Smith and Christy Garrett-Jones
- April 22nd----Chris Odom and Marilyn Larson
- April 29th-----Tom Renten and Carolyn Scott

The meeting was closed with a prayer led by the Jerusalem Greer.

- Carolyn Scott motioned to adjourn the meeting.
 - Marilyn Larson seconded the motion.
 - Unanimous vote in favor to adjourn the meeting.