

Vestry Minutes for the Regular Meeting of January 2020
Grace Church, Lexington
In the Parish Hall
January 27, 2020
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Fr. Tuck Bowerfind, David Connolly, Gail Dickerson, Punky Dod, Don Ellis, Tom Gosse, Diana Kenney, William McCorkle, John Milford, Liz Moss, Judy Schram, Steve Shultis, Cecile West-Settle

Officers: Lisa McGuire (Acting Clerk), Buster Lewis (Acting Treasurer)

Tuck offered pamphlets on ministry that he brought from the Diocesan Convention, two in particular: The Society of St. Andrews and their gleaning project to end hunger, and the Virginia State Prison Ministry.

Today we remembered John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, who died in 407

Call to Order 5:00 pm

Meditation

Gail Dickerson

Gail Dickerson spoke about how the Holy Spirit works within us and how she saw it happen in the Call Committee work she did (the Holy Spirit spoke to her in the middle of the night, it is when she did her best listening). The Holy Spirit was calling Tuck to Grace starting in 2007, in 2017, then 2018. All the signs were present even involving a parishioner (Mary Stuart Gilliam) who has known Tuck his whole life.

Tuck suggested that people who are signed up for meditation may also use other formats. He suggested Dwelling in the Word which the Diocese uses at the beginning of its meetings and has suggested that others in the Diocese may want to try it.

Vestry Oath

Lisa McGuire, Acting Clerk read the Canon 11, section 10 statement and then the vestry members read the vestry oath. The acting clerk distributed the document of the Vestry oath for the members to sign.

Nominating Committee

Steve Shultis placed into nomination the following for Vestry officers: Gail Dickerson, Senior Warden; Liz Moss, Junior Warden; Buster Lewis, Treasurer; Lisa McGuire, Clerk

The Vestry unanimously elected these nominees as wardens, treasurer, and clerk.

Committee Assignments

Gail distributed the 2020 Standing Committees membership list with Liaison Assignments for 2020 (attached). She stated that if you are a Vestry Member on a committee, you most likely are the liaison for that committee. If you want to be on a different committee than what you were assigned please talk to her.

Reports

Wardens' Reports

Sr. Warden, Gail Dickerson wanted to thank everyone for putting their faith in her.

She noted that the Administration & Personnel Committee has been working on figuring out who is entitled to benefits and making sure that they are received. Connie is entitled to pension per the hours that she works. She is now receiving pension benefits.

Gail briefly mentioned that we are working on new initiatives: Invite Welcome Connect – (headed up by Judy Schram and Tracey Riley), Becoming Beloved Community and the Way of Love. Our short- and long-term plans include the Organ, Nave & Chancel, Parish House, and a Safety Plan.

The Vestry Retreat is coming up on February 7/8 and the assignment for Vestry members is to read the Mutual Ministry Review (MMR) and the Discovery & Discernment Report (D&D). We are going to pull out from the reports the things we are doing well and things we need to work on. For example, regarding the MMR – we don't need to spend time on things that were accomplished; we want to focus on the suggestions that have not been implemented.

Tom mentioned in regards to the Safety Plan, we need to have the fire alarm system tied into the fire department.

It was mentioned that a safety report was previously done and Don Ellis said he is aware of the safety report. It would cost \$8,000 to upgrade the fire alarm system. The Property Committee will decide how to act on it in 2020.

Jr. Warden, Liz Moss wanted to thank the vestry for their support. She also announced that Joanne Robblee has appointed as chair of Worship Committee.

Reports Received by Consent

Vestry Minutes for December 16, 2019

William McCorkle

Rector's Report 01/26/2020

(Buildings and Grounds) Property Committee

Don Ellis stated that the Buildings and Grounds Committee would like to reclaim the title of Property Committee.

Administration and Personnel

Outreach

Worship

Organ Committee Report

Tom Gosse recommended the Vestry charge the Strategic Finance and Planning Committee with presenting a proposal for funding the organ and chancel renovation. Steve Shultis noted the Strategic Financial Planning Committee will present a plan at the Vestry Retreat. Gail Dickerson confirmed that David Hansen has been invited to present a proposal at the Vestry Retreat. Tuck added that the next Wholly Conversation (2/7) would focus on discussion of the Strategic Finance and Planning Committee proposal in hopes that the vestry could vote on a proposal at the February 24 meeting.

Tuck will be forming a Local Reflection group for Martha's discernment of call to the Vocational Diaconate. The group will be starting up in February.

Sudan Mission Committee Report

Treasurer's Report

Buster Lewis

Buster presented December 31, 2019 Treasurers report (see attached).

Old Business

Vestry Retreat

Gail Dickerson

Tuck asked Gail to expound on the retreat schedule so everyone is aware of what the topics will be. Gail will get schedule out. Arrive 4pm, Friday, 2/7 Cost is \$50 per person check made out to Boys Home.

Friday – MMR / D&D discussion

Saturday (7am-1:30pm)

Look at major capital expenses: Organ, Chancel, Nave, Parish House

David Hansen will give a presentation on the strategic financial plan that is being developed.

New Business

Sudan Mission Fundraising application (see Sudan Mission Committee Report)

Sudan Mission Fundraising application for July. (see committee report)

Tuck asked the Vestry to discuss how fundraising should take place and who approves it.

Diana as liaison to the Christian Outreach Committee will help MJ Mayerchak get initial approval from COC and bring it back to the Vestry.

Gail had a question on resolutions: if they are given to the rector and wardens ahead of time then it is approved or rejected by the Vestry. If it generates from the Vestry it has to be moved and voted on. Tuck said committees have approval to do some things without going through the Vestry if it is in their budget. If it is over a certain dollar amount and over budget, then it has to be approved by the Vestry. We have some unfinished business that has been approved by the vestry but has never moved forward. The rector's office renovation is one example.

Tuck mentioned we started using the Manual of Business affairs by Episcopal Church.

Motion to adjourn 6:05

Prayer

Next Vestry Meetings – Wholly Conversation February 17, 5pm

Regular Vestry Meeting February 24, 5pm