

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION  
VESTRY MINUTES  
March 9, 2019

Vestry members in attendance: Fr. David Lynch, Senior Warden John Biggs, Junior Warden Les Woodward, Buzz Atkinson, Gabe Conn, David Henson, Meg Swant, Arla Witte-Simpson, and Jim Whitaker, Jim Gilligan

Absent: Dr. Tess Garcia

Guests: Gary Zumwalt

The meeting was opened with a devotion and a prayer. Acceptance of the February 13, 2019 minutes (SEE ATTACHED) followed.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report - Jim Gilligan (SEE FINANCIALS ATTACHED): Full year 2018 and January 2019 financial statements were presented. The spreadsheet summarizes everything. The ACS Financial accounting System was discussed. Receipts are a little below budget and the plate is above budget. Jim Gilligan gave a brief explanation about the many types of funds. He discussed restricted income expenses, pass through funds and that they are funds in which monies are left over from events and fundraisers. Clergy funds are the Rector's Discretionary fund (gifts are designated for that). The temporarily restricted funds are funds in which the vestry has authority to change whereas with Permanent restricted funds, vestry does not have authority to change.

Father David requested for Vaughn to receive \$25 or \$50 more per pay check regarding the extra time he puts in for the extra service. This pay increase would be contingent on the success of the extra Sunday service and would be revisited if for some reason that service is discontinued.

Following a brief discussion, the following motion was made by Arla Witte-Simpson, seconded by Buzz Atkinson and David Henson, and passed unanimously by voice vote:

*RESOLVED, that Vaughn Scarcliff receive a \$50 per pay period increase in pay that is contingent on the continuation of the 5:30 Sunday evening service.*

Buzz Atkinson moved to approve the Treasurer's Report was seconded by Senior Warden John Biggs, and passed unanimously by voice vote:

-Parochial Report: The annual parochial report was completed and submitted to the dioceses and national church office. Fr. David stated that the parish membership register has been brought up to date with a more accurate number for membership at roughly 190.

-Chamber of Commerce: Discussion on the pros and cons of keeping the chamber of commerce membership. In conclusion, the membership will be canceled for now and relooked at a later time.

-Risks: In response to information from our audit committee we revised our statement of accepting specific risks as part of our church operations and finances. Mr. Bill Carle was present to present the case for continuing our current practices of handling money from each of our services from the time it is received

from parishioners to when it gets counted and deposited in the bank. This follows discussion from the February vestry meeting. No further action needed.

- Cleaning the church: Discussion regarding decreasing contractual costs with the church cleaning by suggesting that the church could be cleaned with a plan by parishioners. After reviewing the likelihood and past experiences it was decided to table this discussion until we are at a time when saving the money to pay a service is at a more critical financial concern.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building & Grounds - Les Woodward: Our contract for mowing was discussed. The cost of 112.50 per mowing for approximately thirty mowing per season was presented. This includes a 6 step program including spraying. Discussion on whether or not using chemicals is the best choice for our environment especially concerning the bee epidemic.

The following motion was made by Buzz Atkinson, seconded by Dave Henson, and passed by majority vote.

*RESOLVED, that the contract be accepted including the use of chemicals.*

Hospitality Committee - Meg Swant: Shrove Dinner was a success, thirty plus people were served.

Pastoral Care - Fr. David and Gabe Conn: The Visiting Eucharistic Ministry program is finalizing procedures and is already calling on three shut-ins.

Outreach - Jim Whitaker: All of the outreach ministries are operating smoothly. The Blue Springs Soccer Academy, which uses our fields, has donated \$500 in Price Chopper gift cards to be given to the St. Michaels' Necessity and Food Pantries. Sleep in heavenly peace, a local non-profit organization, is hosting a build day on March 30<sup>th</sup> to make beds for children who would otherwise be sleeping on a couch or even a floor.

Education and Planning - Fr. David: Forums presented by Dr. Bill Stancil will take place on Sundays the 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> on the Gospel of John.

Parish Life - Fr. David: Working to identify several people to be received at confirmation on June 1<sup>st</sup> at St. Mary's-KC

Worship - John Biggs for Arla Witte-Simpson: The alternate service, to take place on Sunday evenings is going good.

Communications – Dave Henson: Deanery meeting on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> will include a presentation on A/V and internet streaming of church services and how other churches can be set up to do the same. Several folks will attend.

-A request was made to notify parishioners of church closings due to weather or other emergencies through the television alerting program.

Stewardship – Dr. Tess Garcia: absent. The TENS program will do a presentation in late April and May that can be streamed over the net. We will pursue attending via the internet.

Emergency Planning - Jim Whitaker: The emergency plan is in final publication phases and will be added to the church website. Church forums are being planned to outline the plan and discuss emergency procedures for

all parishioners. In good weather an evacuation drill will be practiced along with have shelter in place for severe weather.

David Henson moved that all the committee reports be accepted; Arla Witte-Simpson seconded that motion and the motion passed by voice vote.

#### LEADERSHIP REPORTS:

Jr. Warden - Les Woodward: Clean up day is scheduled for the first weekend of April.

Sr. Warden - John Biggs: John Biggs reported on events at Bishop's Day with information that can help our parish going forward in the future. Topics included youth development programs, how the diocesan staff can help parishes with various programs from seasonal teaching plans to confirmation and reception plans. More can be seen on the diocesan webpage.

Rector - Fr. David Lynch: Discernment continues for Jeff Chapman with the local discernment committee chaired by Mrs. Arla Witte-Simpson. Lenten Wednesdays have started and Resurrection will host on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Mutual Ministry Review- There will be discussion regarding goals, and modifying them as needed.

Safeguarding God's Church –John Biggs: Reminder that the on-line training still needs to be completed by several vestry members. Elaine Gilligan has sent out the web-links to new vestry members.

Chalices: Gabe Conn brought the need to repair the 2 chalices that were donated to the church back in the 1970's.

The cost to rel-coat them with gold will be \$250 per chalice. A new chalice will cost up to \$1,000.00. After a brief discussion regarding both options, the following motion to repair the 2 chalices was made by Father David, and was seconded by Les Woodward, and passed unanimously by voice vote:

*RESOLVED, that the repair of the 2 chalices be re-lined with gold at the cost of \$250.00 per chalice.*

Following a prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

NEXT VESTRY MEETING – Thursday, April 11, 2019

Respectfully submitted,  
Secretary Kelly Blankenship