

Roll Call: Mitch Palmer, Sue VanderZicht, Donna Chiacchia, Melanie Brundage, Jerry Snook

Guest: None

Apologies: Janet Oliver, Jay Taintor, Karen Lekas

Disposition: Due to inclement weather, the Vestry meeting was moved to Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. The Vestry did not have quorum and therefore could not vote on any motions; discussion only with all items requiring a vote deferred to next Vestry meeting

**Vestry Meeting:**

1. Open in Prayer: Mitch Palmer; special mention made for Nancy Oliver
2. Devotions: Deferred
3. Confirmed next meeting dates for Vestry (March 12th) and Executive (As Required)
  - a. Executive meetings are conducted via teleconference on an as needed basis
4. Minutes from January 2019 Meeting
  - a. Clerk to distribute “notes” – No vote necessary
5. Senior & Junior Warden Notes
6. Treasurer’s Report and Financial Matters: Karen Lekas - Deferred
  - a. (Name) makes a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report and (Name) second – Vote Approved
7. Diocese and Regional Ministry - Discussion about the 2019 Realities regarding Congregational Vitality
  - a. Collaborative Ministry – Discussion of January Meeting
  - b. What are we going to get out of these meetings with the Diocese?
    - i. Vestry determined that it did not have the schedule to attend these extra meetings
    - ii. Vestry felt as though the sessions would not offer much value to us based upon our past engagement with the Diocese
    - iii. The Vestry asked: “Lord God, what is Your will for this parish and how will this be determined?”
  - c. Detailed round table discussions about our feelings regarding the meeting with Pam Mott
    - i. There was an equal share of pessimism and optimism
    - ii. The pessimism mostly had to do with how the Diocese has treated us; we have not felt that they are truly hearing us
    - iii. We felt that this discussion with Pam Mott all came down to the money and without the “proper” amount, the Diocese was not going to consider us “ready” to call a full-time perm priest; in other words we do not get to see “The List”
    - iv. We also felt that we were being torn from our core competency of making Jesus the head of the church versus the “treasury”.
    - v. The optimism all concerned the vitality of our community and how we truly served the Lord and how we truly loved each other; that we would prayerfully consider that the most important thing we have is our faith in Jesus and one another
  - d. Senior Warden delegated writing a letter to the parish to Sue and Donna
    - i. This letter would provide a candid composition of where we are at as a viable and solvent entity serving the Lord Jesus Christ
    - ii. The letter is scheduled to be issued the week of March 11<sup>th</sup> – and by the 15<sup>th</sup> to all pledging members of the parish and our “friends”.
    - iii. The letter will be based upon a business plan in accordance with the Diocese’s 2019 Realities regarding Congregational Vitality
  - e. March 31<sup>st</sup> (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Morning Prayer) there will be a discussion in lieu of a sermon about the “state of the state” in our parish
  - f. Arrangements to be made to video this “state of the state” so we may post it for those who will not be available to attend church

**Committees and Reports – All Deferred to March Vestry Meeting**

1. Buildings and Grounds: Sue VanderZicht
2. Outreach/ Stewardship & Contributions/ Time and Talent Program/ Evangelism
3. Search Committee
4. Capital Campaign
5. Communications (Website, Tidings, Bulletin, FB, Correspondence to the Parish) – No Report
6. Worship/ Music/ Altar Guild/ Acolytes/ Ushers/ Readers
7. Pastoral Care and Hospitality
8. Christian Education (children, adults) – Low or no attendance
9. Admin and Office

Closing Prayer – Lord's Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM

Respectfully submitted,

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