

Minutes from the Vestry Meeting of All Saints' Episcopal Church

7/18/17

St. Anne's Room



In Attendance: Rich Baldwin, Harvey Blake, Stephen Chan, Father Mark Collins, Sara Combs, Elaine Cunningham, Donna Laporta, Paul Louis, Sue Morgan, Susan Moscatello, Eileen Murphy

Not present: Laurie Geiger, Nancy Treacy

7:15pm Dwelling in the Word – Father Mark

Blessing & Dinner

Minutes for June 2017 meeting were accepted by 10, 1 abstention.

Concert Committee Report

- Gary gave us an update on the concert committee. Gift of \$5,000 was given to have a concert series at the church. Gary formed a concert committee to decide on how to spend money, what programs to book, etc. Elaine Cunningham & Jane Sullivan are co leaders of the committee, Gary, Mark, Eileen, Joe Nasser, and Eric Blomstrom are also members. 2 meetings have occurred so far. Planning 3 concerts Fall, Winter & in May. May will be “organ” highlighted concert going forward (anniversary of organ dedication). Second concert will be a youth/young performer/artist focused, third concert might be a jazz pianist. \$5,000 gift will be given again in 2018.

Building & Grounds Report

- Parish Hall Door to be delivered by 9/1. Looking to be installed by 9/10.
- Hot Water Heater should be installed within the next month.
- Exploring ways to perverse the Madonna window in the Chapel.
- Tree Pruning Project – calling in several tree service companies to give estimates on several trees in the churchyard & Rectory. Original bid is \$3,100. Eileen offered that the Glen Rock Environmental Commission is looking to plant small trees for free. We might ask to see if they want to plant dogwood seedlings as we take down other trees.

Rector's Report

- Youth Ministry: Job description to be shared with Laurie & Harvey. Mark will post it and send to 4-5 people who requested it.
- Backpack project through CASA brought to Father Mark by Dana McDonough. Eileen asked if we could coordinate through the church and farmers market, do flyers, list on News & Notes. Will coordinate with Outreach. Bless the backpacks on 8/13.

Vestry Mission Statement was recirculated for signatures.

Finance Report

- Mike sent financial reports ahead of meeting.



- Eileen asked if Mike could give us a year to year comparison for the September meeting.

Vestry member at both services to report information from this month's meeting

- 8am – Sue Morgan
- 10am – Eileen Murphy

New Business – Projects that were discussed

Projects:

- Tree pruning - \$3,100 from the Memorial Funds to be used at Churchyard and Rectory. Harvey suggested a higher estimate of up to \$4,000. The Vestry authorizes up to \$4,000 from the Memorial Funds to be used for tree pruning at the church and rectory properties. Mark motioned, Paul second. Vestry unanimously approved.
- Replacement of 3 Episcopal church signs. Preschool to pay half, Church to pay half. Lengthy discussion on the color of the sign. The Vestry authorizes the replacement of three parish signs at three street corners: Ackerman & Central, Maple & Parkview, Rock & Central with one half of the cost coming from the parish, and one half coming from the preschool budgets. Mark motioned, Eileen second. Unanimous approves.

Thank you note written and signed for Deb Spell & Wendy Kennedy for the electrical work done in the church.

Upcoming Events

- July 21-August 4 – Mark on vacation
- September 10 – Kick off Sunday
- September 19, 7pm – Vestry Meeting
- October 14 – 8th Annual Pig Roast

Eileen mentioned that Father Gray was married recently. We'll send a card next meeting and send Good Samaritan a monetary gift through the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

Father Mark distributed summer reading for the Vestry called A Spirituality of Fundraising. How will we handle Stewardship going forward, this book might help with that discussion? Kickoff Stewardship to occur in October and in gathering before Thanksgiving. Mark asked Buildings & Grounds committee about upkeep of Garth. Parishioners as well as people of Glen Rock can be buried there. Mark's responsibility to remind people to make plans/a will as part of Stewardship.

9:00pm Reflections & Closing Prayer – Mark & Sue

Respectfully Submitted, Sara Combs, Clerk of the Vestry