

January 22, 2017

St. Luke's Episcopal Church (Anglican)

Minutes of St. Luke's Vestry Meeting held on January 22, 2017

In attendance were the Rector, Rev. Victor Morgan, Rev. Ron Wikander, Sr. Warden Jim Yacavone, Jr. Warden Rodney Allen, Vestry Members Jess Heald, Susan Lipham, Rosanne Johnston, Neil McDonald, Treasurer Bob Morgan and Vestry Member/Vestry Clerk Tony McConnell. Absent was newly elected Vestry Member Roger Johnson, who was out of town.

Meeting was called to order at 11:20 AM followed by prayer offered by Rev. Morgan.

1. A motion was made by Rodney Allen and seconded by Neil McDonald to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2016 Vestry Meeting. Motion carried.
2. The Sr. Warden announced the results of the election of Vestry Members, which took place at the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting held earlier this morning, as follows:

Jim Yacavone (also appointed Sr. Warden)
Rodney Allen (elected to the position of Jr. Warden)
Roger Johnson
Tony McConnell

All were voted in by acclamation. Jim Yacavone, Roger Johnson and Tony McConnell will serve 3 year terms, to expire in January 2020. Rodney Allen will complete his current term, which will expire in January 2018.

3. Treasurer's Report.

A. Treasurer Morgan reviewed various financial reports covering the months of November and December 2016. After a brief conversation, a motion was made by Rodney Allen and seconded by Rosanne Johnston to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

B. Treasurer Morgan stated that the current term of the loan on the Parish House is due to expire on February 19, 2017 and will need to be paid off or renewed by that date. The current payoff amount of the loan is \$64,386.63. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Rodney Allen and seconded by Jim Yacavone to renew the current loan with United Community Bank for five (5) years at, or near, the current rate of 4.5% (as offered by UCB). Motion carried. Treasurer Morgan will prepare the resolution and provide the necessary documents to take to the bank.

C. Treasurer Morgan stated that the Church has received 37 pledges for financial support for the year 2017. Total value of the pledges is \$66,516.00. He further stated that several

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significant givers have yet to formally pledge for the upcoming year. He will continue to monitor receipt of pledges and advise the Vestry, as appropriate.

4. Junior Warden's Report:

Jr. Warden Allen stated that everything appears to be running smoothly and he had nothing to report at the present.

5. Old Business:

The Sr. Warden called for the ratification of two (2) Vestry votes taken by e-mail due to the lack of a scheduled Vestry meeting during the month of December 2016. The issues voted on were as follows:

a. A motion to grant \$250.00 to Rev. Charles Sims in support of his "Radio Broadcast for Jesus" ministry was made by Jim Yacavone and seconded by Neil McDonald. This motion was made as a result of a request made by Rev. Sims for a significantly larger donation. Motion carried. This donation will be taken from the approved Annual Outreach funding provided in the 2017 Church Budget.

b. A motion to adjust the Choirmaster's compensation from \$100.00 monthly to \$25.00 per week was made by Jim Yacavone and seconded by Neil McDonald. Motion carried.

6. New Business:

A. Discussion to purchase new computers for the Parish Office: Tabled for the time being. Lynn Pigott has brought in another computer from her home and Al Cash (who has a significant amount of computer knowledge and experience) will be asked to take a look at what we have and offer his suggestions for improvement, after which the matter will again be put on the agenda for the appropriate Vestry consideration.

B. Neil McDonald requested that the scheduling of Church events and utilization of Church facilities be more efficiently coordinated in an effort to prevent scheduling conflicts. The Rector responded that there is a scheduling calendar available in the Parish House, which if utilized by all concerned, should help to eliminate further scheduling problems.

7. General Discussion:

A. Rosanne Johnston requested that groups utilizing Thomason Hall be reminded of their responsibility to clean up after themselves, as there have been a number of instances where some have not done so. Bob Morgan will notify the groups of the need to be more diligent.

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B. Treasurer Morgan expressed concern over the number of hours worked John Johnson was reporting weekly. Per Mr. Johnson's 2017 employment agreement he is scheduled to work fourteen (14) hours weekly. In January 2017 Mr. Johnson has reported 15 hours in week 1, 18 hours in week 2 & 17 hrs. in week 3. All hours are reported as work performed in the cemetery. Treasurer Morgan said he couldn't see an extra 8 hours worked raking leaves in the cemetery in January, the middle of winter in Blue Ridge.

Following a lengthy discussion the Vestry agreed that John Johnson will be paid 14 hours weekly & that any hours worked in the cemetery/Memorial Garden must be approved by a Cemetery Committee member before being paid.

C. The Rector presented a proposed letter to the Most Rev. Foley Beach, Presiding Bishop of The Anglican Church of North America, requesting that St. Luke's be accepted as an "Associate Member" of the Anglican Diocese of the South, so St. Luke's could attend Diocese Synods and other Diocese wide events, as well as taking part in various training events.

The Rector was clear to point out that this was not a request to become a full member of the ACNA but an opportunity for the clergy and congregation of St. Luke's to further strengthen our relationship with the world-wide Anglican Communion. He also stated that affiliation with ADOTS would pose no financial obligation to St. Luke's.

After a brief conversation, a motion was made by The Rector and seconded by Tony McConnell to proceed with this request to be designated as an "Associate Member" of the ACNA Diocese of South. Motion carried. A copy of the Affiliation request is included as an addendum to these minutes and available for review in the Parish Office.

D. Treasurer Morgan stated that the previous St. Luke's Sexton, Virginia Sawyer, has filed for unemployment compensation through the Georgia Dept of Labor. The Treasurer will continue to monitor the situation and advise the Vestry of any developments.

Having no further business, a motion for adjournment was by Jim Yacavone and seconded by Jess Heald. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 12:20 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the St. Luke's Vestry will be held at 11:30 AM, on Sunday, February 19, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Verger Tony McConnell
Vestry Clerk

