

February 18, 2017

Saint Luke's Episcopal Church (Anglican)

Minutes of St. Luke's Vestry Meeting held on February 18, 2017

In attendance were the Rector, Rev. Victor Morgan, Rev. Ron Wikander, Vestry Members, Pat Dearing, Al Cash, Lauren Burgreen, Sr. Warden Jim Yacavone, Jr. Warden Neil McDonald, Roger Johnson, Vestry Clerk Tony McConnell and Treasurer Meredith Yacavone. Also present was parishioner Pat McConnell. Absent were Vestry Members Rosanne Johnston and Susan Lipham.

Meeting was called to order at 11:35 AM, followed by prayer offered by Rev. Morgan,

1. Sr. Warden Yacavone welcomed newly elected Vestry Members Al Cash and Lauren Burgreen to the Vestry and thanked them both for their willingness to serve.
2. Pat Dearing made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 21, 2018 Vestry Meeting. Motion was seconded by Neil McDonald. Motion carried.
3. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Treasurer Meredith Yacavone reviewed various financial reports with Vestry Members and presented a revised Vestry Summary Report.
 - b. The Treasurer requested Vestry authority to close an inactive Edward Jones account. Account has a zero balance. A motion to authorize the Treasurer to close the account was made by Pat Dearing and seconded by Jim Yacavone. Motion carried.
 - c. The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper closed out with a negative \$94.93 balance, due advertising expenses and relatively low attendance.
 - d. The ECW donated \$1,500.00 to debt reduction in January. Many thanks to the ECW for this generous gift,

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After a lengthy discussion of various financial concerns, a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Jim Yacavone and seconded by Roger Johnson. Motion carried.

4. Jr Warden's Report:

a. Jr. Warden McDonald stated that he will be working with John Johnson to address scheduling and organizational issues.

b. There is a need for a general cleanup day to reduce clutter and enhance safety.

c. The Jr. Warden stated that some organizations using Thomason Hall are failing to ensure that the building doors are closed and locked upon departure. Tenants have been reminded that building security is part of their usage agreement.

5. New Business:

a. Parishioner Pat McConnell, representing the Memorial Garden Guild, expressed a need to review and perhaps modify current policies regarding gravesites, interment of ashes and associated needs and requirements. After a lengthy conversation it was decided to table the issue until a definite breakdown of expenses can be offered for Vestry consideration. A copy of Mrs. McConnell's presentation to the Vestry is included as an addendum to these minutes on file in the Parish House.

b. The Sr. Warden requested Vestry ratification of payment of the Schindler Elevator repair bill at the negotiated rate of 50 % of the original \$1,734.11 invoice. A motion to ratify payment was made by Jim Yacavone and seconded by Pat Dearing. Motion carried.

c. St. Luke's signage: tabled pending further discussion after release of Vision Committee Report.

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d. Vestry Member Roger Johnson gave an update regarding status of developing a Church activities calendar on St. Luke's website. Ongoing project with great potential.

e. Approval of recommendation of Tony McConnell's Deacon candidacy: A motion to support Mr. McConnell's candidacy was made by Pat Dearing and seconded by Neil McDonald. Motion carried.

f. Discussion of training review of Canon Ashley's presentation to Vestry: The Sr. Warden suggested waiting for the release of the Vision Committee Report before further exploration of this issue.

g. A motion was made by Jim Yacavone and seconded by Roger Johnson to reallocate \$800.00 of the previously authorized \$1,000.00 set aside for computer upgrades toward the purchase of new equipment due to ongoing and apparently unsolvable issues with present operating system. Motion carried.

h. Church Mutual is automatically applying Terrorism Risk coverage. After significant conversation, it was decided to await further information regarding the particulars of the coverage (cost, coverage details, etc.) before considering any action.

i. Easter Egg Hunt: Vestry Member Tony McConnell stated that the St. Luke's Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt will be conducted on Saturday, March 31 on the St. Luke's churchyard property. We will once again be partnering with WalMart and the Blue Ridge Kiwanis Club to put on this event. Rev. Wikander will coordinate dyeing the eggs and Neil McDonald and the SLMG, will handle grounds set-up and security. Assistance will be needed to stuff plastic eggs, Thomason Hall set-up, etc. Donations of candy for Easter baskets are also needed. Tony McConnell will provide liaison between the Kiwanis Club and St. Luke's.

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6. General Discussion:

Vestry Members shared thoughts, ideas and suggestions concerning possible changes to the contents and appearance of the Church website. Vestry Member Al Cash has significant experience in creating websites and will be in charge of building St. Luke's new site. For an example of Al's work, interested party's are encouraged to visit the city of Ellijay, Ga.'s website, which he built. Further discussion will take place after review of the forthcoming Vision Committee Report.

Having no further business, a motion for adjournment was made by Pat Dearing and seconded by Jim Yacavone. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the St. Luke's Vestry will be held at 11:30 AM on Sunday, March 18, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tony McConnell
Vestry Clerk