

April 23, 2017

St. Luke's Episcopal Church (Anglican)

Minutes of St. Luke's Vestry Meeting held on April 23, 2017

In attendance were the Rector, Rev. Victor Morgan, Rev. Ron Wikander, Sr. Warden Jim Yacavone, Jr. Warden Rodney Allen, Treasurer Bob Morgan, Vestry Members Neil McDonald, Susan Lipham, Jess Heald and Vestry Member/Clerk Tony McConnell. Also in attendance was Church Facilities Manager John Johnson. Not present were Vestry Members Roger Johnson and Rosanne Johnston.

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

1. A motion was made by Neil McDonald and seconded by Jim Yacavone to accept the minutes of the March 19, 2017 Vestry Meeting. Motion carried.

2. Treasurer's Report:

A. Treasurer Morgan reviewed various financial reports with Vestry Members. Treasurer Morgan also stated that the Church had taken in \$11, 229 in tithes and offerings this month through April 22. A motion was made by Jim Yacavone and seconded by Jess Heald to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

B. Treasurer Morgan stated that sufficient funds are available to make a \$500.00 "principal only" mortgage payment. Payment will be taken from donations made specifically for mortgage reduction. A motion was made by Tony McConnell and seconded by Jim Yacavone to authorize a \$500.00 principal only mortgage payment. Motion carried..

C. While discussing financial matters, the Sr. Warden stated that according to his calculations the entire 2017 budget for grounds and building maintenance has been spent. After significant discussion and many questions, the Sr. Warden said

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he would confer with the Treasurer to ensure categories and expenditures were correct and report back to the Vestry at the May meeting.

### Junior Warden's Report:

Jr. Warden Allen indicated that Facilities Manager John Johnson is requesting authorization to replace all the vinyl baseboards in Thomason Hall. Current baseboards are cracking and peeling and present an unsightly appearance.

Mr. Johnson presented a quote of \$430.78 to cover wooden replacement baseboards and related supplies. Mr. Johnson also stated that he would need an additional 16 hours of authorized time in order to complete the job. After significant conversation, a motion was made by Jim Yacavone and seconded by Jess Heald to authorize expenditure of the requested funds and an additional 16 hours of chargeable time from the R&R Fixed Assets Account to complete the job. Motion carried.

### 3. Old Business:

#### A. Thomason Hall scheduling issues:

The Sr. Warden stated the to keep scheduling difficulties at a minimum it is necessary that renting groups be given as much lead time as possible if we have an event that will affect their meeting and at least two weeks notice for the future scheduling of an activity.

#### B. Church calendar scheduling issues:

Deferred until Vestry Member Johnson's return

#### C. Anna Herrington's proposal for Music Academy:

The following concerns were expressed:

- All activity must be consistent with Outreach objectives
- Program must remain separate from the Church (Independent business)
- Program must be self sustaining.

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A meeting is scheduled with Mrs. Herrington on May 17 where these and other concerns will be discussed. A report to the Vestry will follow.

#### 4. New Business:

##### A. Purchase of new vacuum cleaner?

Facility Manager Johnson said he has had no problems with vacuum cleaner currently in use. No further discussion took place.

##### B. Music performance issues:

Concerns regarding Church music performance were expressed and subsequently referred to the Rector for his action, as he deems appropriate.

##### C. Back up technology person:

Pat Dearing, who currently addresses Church technology issues has requested that the Vestry identify someone who can handle the technology needs of the Church in the event of his absence or incapacitation. Vestry Members were encouraged to consider possible candidates. No specific action was taken.

##### D. Spending some of our discretionary funds:

The Sr. Warden stated that there were unused quarterly outreach funds available and requested Vestry suggestions regarding disbursement. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Jim Yacavone and seconded by Tony McConnell to provide \$250.00 to Habitat for Humanity and \$400.00 to the newly formed Fannin County Chapter of the Boys and Girls Club of North Georgia. Motion carried.

E. Treasurer Morgan gave official notice he was stepping down from his position as Treasurer as of the end of May 2017. The Sr. Warden stated that Meredith Yacavone has volunteered to take on the Treasurer's duties. The Sr. Warden went on to say the he had not attempted to influence Mrs. Yacavone's decision to

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volunteer to be the Church Treasurer in any way, but felt that her previous experience made her well qualified for the position. Treasurer Morgan added that he thought Mrs. Yacavone would make an excellent Treasurer. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Rodney Allen and seconded by Neil McDonald to accept Meredith Yacavone as Parish Treasurer. Motion carried with the Senior Warden abstaining.

4. General Discussion:

A. The Rector stated that he will leave for England on June 6<sup>th</sup> and return on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

B. The Rector is considering travelling to Virginia for Dr. Tom Heard's ordination on May 21.

C. The Rector said that there will be a Bach concert held at St. Luke's on Friday June 9. St. Luke's is only providing the facility for the concert and has no further responsibility and will bear no expense for the event. The Vestry offered its approval to hold the event. Rev. Wikander will serve as contact.

D. An old fashioned Hymn Sing will be held at St. Luke's July 21.

E. "Kirkin" of the Tartans will be held on Sunday, September 10.

F. Vestry Member McDonald announced that the St. Luke's Men's Group is sponsoring a Parish picnic, on the Church grounds, on October 22 to coincide with the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

G. Mr. McDonald gave a brief description of an upcoming outreach event sponsored by "Constructors for Christ" which will be rebuilding a church in Rosalie, Alabama, which was destroyed by a tornado. Several St. Luke's men will be participating during the week of June 24.

Having no further business, a motion for adjournment was made by Tony McConnell and seconded by Jess Heald. Meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM.

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The next regularly scheduled meeting of the St. Luke's Vestry will be held at 11:30 AM, Sunday, May 21, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Verger Tony McConnell  
Vestry Clerk