

St. Luke's Vestry Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2019

I. Check-In - Spiritual Reflection

Attendance: Sara Cosca-Warfield; Linda Simmons, Jr. Warden; Syd and Marci Welch; Joan King; Cynthia Markum; Kathy Terry; Lainey Johnston; Barry Brandt; Laurel Hart, Deborah Dobrenen.

Sara read a devotional, asked for reflection. Luke 21:19

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Syd, seconded by Deborah. All in favor.

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Syd, seconded by KathyT. All in favor.

IV. Agenda Change

We asked Marci to present the financial reports first. Sara spoke about pledges and how they are coming. Sara said the Vestry is responsible for pursuing those who haven't pledged to do so, folks who have previously pledged but who haven't this time around. We have twelve new pledges. We have an anonymous donor who has a plan to increase donations by requesting matching donations.

V. New Acts

A. Installation of New Rector

The date will be January 15, 2020, Wednesday night. The Bishop will come for it.

Lainey is looking for volunteers to help her and Kathy Douglas plan for it. Cynthia volunteered.

B. Music Ministry-Kathy D. new hymnals (no new discussion needed until January)

C. Congregational Vitality Workshop Report-Lainey spoke to this. Main take-away is to support our Outreach program. We are already a vital community. Sara would like to have a separate meeting for greater sharing of what we learned at the workshop. Decided it would be Sunday November 24 after coffee hour. Church members interested in hearing what we learned could attend and hear and talk about the work done on behalf of Saint Luke's.

VI. Ongoing Acts (of the Apostles)

Columbarium Update

Jim delivered the land use application to City of Gresham. They have 30-60 days to respond/approve. Once approved, the construction can begin. Laurel will let us know when they hear from the City.

Labyrinth upgrade

Electronic voting on 3 bids, vote result needs to be entered in the minutes. The email string is attached. The Guild is now working on upgrading.

Recruitment of vestry members

Four people have been asked, one has said yes, two others are considering it, the last has declined. The vestry is still tasked to ask more possible candidates. (Ginger McIntyre is interested, as is Linda Meade.) Syd said he will continue as a vestry member. When new vestry members are installed next year, the Episcopal Church/Diocese has resources for training them and providing orientation.

VII: Ministry Check-Ins

Buildings and Grounds

- Handicap auto-opener not working.
- Parish Hall/Kitchen floor - Marcia to find janitorial contract, find out what the janitors do. Janitorial service needs to address dirty floors in parish hall and kitchen, stairs up to the narthex. Rev. Sara will look into this.
- Outdoor door by rose garden, ground level door, continues to be left unlocked. Discussion followed regarding importance of safety and security while still having a variety of groups using facilities. Sid recommends electronic deadbolt that can be controlled by app (\$254) - Sid & Barry will assess whole door situation.
- People have volunteered to be on Buildings & Grounds team.
- Automatic door to parish hall needs to be fixed; in addition the back ground floor door has issues as well; long discussion ensued. Sid and Barry will look into these.

Outreach

Deborah excited about Advent giving through My Father's House, a non-profit shelter ministry in Gresham that serves the needs of homeless families. We will be collecting money to purchase 120 stockings from Dollar Tree and asking parishioners to bring in items suitable for all ages, infants through adults, to fill the stockings. The drive will end on Dec. 15 and we will deliver the items that week. December 20 and 21 we can join the organization to fill the stockings.

Welcome

- Church directory - opt-in for folks
 - Greeting & Counting list needs people
- Children's Ministry - Things are going great.
 - Kids participate in volunteer outreach activity on December 21?

What do we want to share with the congregation?

Recruiting Vestry members
Announce Installation
My Father's House - Advent Outreach

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Cynthia Markum, Vestry Secretary
Attachment #1: Financial Information
Attachment #2: Email string reflecting voting on Columbarium