

St. Anne's Parish
Vestry Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Clergy and Vestry Members Present

Rev. Tim Mulder
Linda Adamson
Patrick Carlson
Betty Creighton
Carrie Dana-Evans
Ginger DeLuca
Mark Grimes
Katherine Hilton
Jason Houser
David Huggins
Sharon McElfish
Cardie Templeton
Susan Thaxton
Tripp Trippitelli

Vestry Members Not-Present

Al Collins
Sarah Morse

Non-Vestry and Others Present

Howard Buskirk, clerk

Opening Prayer and Interim Rector Report

Mark called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Tim+ led the Vestry in prayer.

Tim+ told Vestry members he was proud of all their hard work on selecting a new Rector, how members had listened and prayed. Tim+ reported that numbers for the Ash Wednesday service were ahead of last year. The Parish is on track for a big Good Friday Prayer walk with other churches also involved, he said.

St. Anne's is looking closely at its membership numbers, trying to develop as accurate of count as possible and recalibrating the benchmark, Tim+ said. The number of total members has been listed at 2,600-2,800, but the real number is probably closer to 1,400, Tim+ said.

Under the Canons of the Episcopal Church a member is defined as someone who regularly participates in services and makes a financial contribution, Tim+ said. Having many more members on the books than members who worship isn't a sign of health for a parish, he said.

Tim said membership is one of the three numbers reported to Diocese each year, along with Average Sunday Attendance and the budget.

Jr. Warden's Report

Cardie opened the discussion of the Junior Warden report, which had been distributed before the meeting and focuses on repairs at the Parish House.

Linda made a motion that the Parish authorize \$2,145 to repair the South Street entry porch roof, which has been structurally compromised. The amount is below the threshold requiring multiple bids. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote.

Katherine moved that Vestry approve no more than \$11,140 from the Capital Account to repair the broken wire-glass window in the Parish Hall and caulk the others with silicone sealant, pending review by the Junior Warden of an additional quote or notice from the facilities committee that, despite due diligence, they have not found another contractor willing to quote. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Because of the cost of the repair, the church is required to attempt to get three bids. It has two in hand, one to buy a new custom window and a second to repair the current window, Cardie said. Dave asked if there was any harm in waiting a month. Cardie said some of the windows are showing signs of wear and the Vestry should act more quickly.

Treasurer's Report

Susan reported that the Treasurer's report will move to a quarterly report to the full vestry. The Executive Committee will still review the financials monthly, however a full report to the Vestry will move to a quarterly report. If there are any financial issues that arise between quarterly reports that Vestry should be aware of, those will be reported at the monthly meeting. Additionally, the report will be moving to a different format that will attempt to be more visual and user-friendly.

Approval of February Minutes

Betty moved that the Vestry waive the reading of the February minutes and approve them as written. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote.

Closing

The public meeting ended at 7:30 p.m. Vestry members then met privately to discuss the Rector search.

Respectfully submitted,
Howard Buskirk
Clerk of Vestry