

St. John's Episcopal Church

610 Young Street

Melbourne FL 32935

Vestry Minutes

June 21, 2018

Present: Steve Bradley, Hal Martin, Julie Miller, Linda Miller, Kathy Oas, Lee Steininger, Eric Turner, Katie Wilson

Absent: Ben Kendall, Bill Chernault, Linda Fletcher

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m., by Father Eric with prayers and remembrances for family, friends, and members and loved ones of the Vestry and the congregation.

Minutes from May 17, 2018 Vestry meeting: The minutes were reviewed. A motion was made, seconded and the minutes were accepted, with correction of spelling ('paing' to 'paid').

Formation: Nehemiah 2:11-20. Nehemiah undertook quiet, behind-the-scenes research related to the efforts to rebuild. This gave him perspective without inciting those whose input might impede progress. Upon completion of his review, he announced that the most prominently visible aspect (the wall) should be re-built first, reminding his audience that God and the king had directed him. While ridiculed by 'outsiders', he again reminded them that God will give success, but outsiders and non-workers will have no claim.

A Vestry, can follow the example of quiet, discrete review, prayer, and acting on God's authority while also acting on the authority of bold decision-makers.

Sr. Warden's Report: None.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Bradley reported financials for the month ending May 31, 2018. Financials contained Summary Comments, the May 2018 balance sheet, May 2018 Financial Summary and May 2018 Cash Flow, 2018 Restricted Funds Summary, and 2018 Outreach Contributions.

Revenues for the month were \$16,928 against a budget of \$17,235. Expenses for the month (\$14,653) were lower than budget due primarily to the effect paid through July advance funding of Clergy Health Spending Account paid in the previous month. The month ended with a small \$287 surplus (revenues to expenses), but this was off from the budget expectation of \$2,344 surplus.

The restricted funds account ended the month with a balance of \$47,700 of which \$41,295 is committed. This leaves a \$6,406 surplus of available funds in this account. 2018 Outreach to date was \$5,000 - \$1,673 to Clergy Discretionary Fund, and \$700 to Habitat for Humanity Apostles Build, \$520 to God's Pantry, \$942 to Nana's House, and \$1,165 to Solar Light for Africa (SLA).

A motion to accept the Financial Report was made, seconded, and the Vestry approved, subject to audit.

Jr. Warden's Report: Kathy Oas reported the installation of the new sanctuary carpet was completed. Organization of the Flower House to solely house implements for the

Flower Guild and Family Promise of Brevard (FPOB) will begin next week. Rummage Sale items will be removed and the Flower House will no longer be a repository for future rummage sale items.

Two outlets in the Parish Hall have been malfunctioning. One was replaced, the other continues to be evaluated.

A Use Agreement is being completed for use of St. John's facilities.

Rector's Report:

Reaching our Neighborhood: A parish meeting held June 3 produced some ideas for this effort. Upon much reflection and research, the concern is that these ideas are additional outreach efforts and St. John's critical need is to grow attendance - something or things to generate newcomer traffic into our church. The follow up meeting, scheduled for July 1, will present this finding and turn the discussion to the more immediate need.

Memorial Garden - wall and policy statement: An updated wall and policy statement was reviewed by the Vestry. \$3,000 was approved for establishing new footings for an additional wall and the new policy was approved.

Long Range Facility plan: Lee Steininger presented his vision of long term planning which included ideas for short-term (current to one year), mid-term (three to five years) and long term. Lee is leading this effort, seeks input of additional ideas from Vestry members, and will finalize by the next Vestry meeting.

Summer Schedule: Fr. Eric will be away on mission 07/02 - 07/18 and on vacation 08/03 - 08/23. Deacon Elizabeth to hold morning prayer for 1 Sundays, and Fr. Eric will arrange a supply priest for the other 5 Sundays.

Following prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

The upcoming meetings for 2018: July 19 (no August meeting), September 20, October 18, November 15, December 20, January 17, 2019.