

St. Mary's Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting

May 13, 2015

Present: Rev. Susanne Comer, Gregg Westerfield, Janna Hammett, Bill Adams, Ann Gilmore, Wade Wooten, Carol Brown, Bunny Johnson, C.M. Crawford

Absent: Abel Turner

The minutes of both the April 8, 2015 Vestry meeting and the April 19, 2015 meeting with Bishop Doyle were approved. Gregg Westerfield made the motion for approval, Bunny Johnson seconded and all said 'aye'.

Treasurer's report: Our account is running in the red this month by about \$3000. That amount is gradually diminishing month to month. Several large bills were paid this month: Diocesan assessment - \$2060, Insurance quarterly payment - \$1715.35, annual Workers' Comp - \$670. The pledges are being paid but the loose offering is down for the year by about \$400. From the loose offering we gave \$268 to Bishop Doyle's Discretionary Fund. Following discussion, Janna Hammett moved to accept the report. Ann Gilmore seconded the motion and all said 'aye'.

OLD BUSINESS

Mission statement sign: Damien Cisco believes he will be able to have the sign ready by Pentecost, May 24.

Forms needed to change Treasurer on Documents/New Signatories needed for CD at National Bank: Bunny Johnson will take a copy of the signed February minutes to National Bank and notify Bill Adams and Janna Hammett when that is done. Then they will go have their names entered as signatories for our CD there.

Church credit card: Bunny has done research and recommends that we get a Business Debit Card at First Texas Bank. It would have a \$750 daily limit. Our designated person would go to the bank and apply for the card and tell them how many cards we want and whose names would be on the cards. The person applying becomes the account controller. The bank will send out the cards and those people are authorized to use those debit cards. Other credit companies will be pleased to work with us as a non-profit, but all say that the person applying for the card becomes a "Primary Applicant" and the activity on the card will reflect on the credit report of that applicant. The debit card at First Texas would be linked to our account and would not reflect on any individual's credit record.

Bill Adams moved that we get one Business Debit Card at First Texas Bank in Susie Comer's name. Janna Hammett seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Gregg Westerfield amended Bill's motion to authorize Bill Adams as Senior Warden to apply for and get a Business Debit Card at First Texas Bank and have no more than two cards issued, one in the name of our current rector, Susanne Comer, and if necessary one in the name of Bill Adams. Janna Hammett seconded the amended motion. All said "aye".

NEW BUSINESS

Report on Mike Hail's look at the Sanctuary: Yesterday Mike Hail came by with Robert Oliver. Robert wanted Mike to give us a fresh assessment of the Sanctuary's condition. Mike was delighted with the stability of the interior. He could not find any fresh cracks. He could not find any changes in the exterior. The northeast corner may be sinking and pulling away a bit. It is not an emergency situation. The summer is the best time for that work. Robert was concerned with the piers underneath for the supports. He thought they had been done from the back to the middle, but Mike said they were done from the west end to the middle, and that work is better done in the winter. You do not want to be underneath the Sanctuary in the summertime. Rev. Susie had been concerned about the squeaky floor in the Sacristy. Mike pointed out a rectangular zone and said that it was the trap door of the original floor underneath the carpet. She also said that we have parishioners that are very concerned about bushes' roots coming in under the Sanctuary. Mike said he has seen the foundation and the bushes are not a problem. He has photos of the northeast corner and he will look at them and compare the way it looks today. He said that at some point the northeast corner will need to be stabilized. Susie would like to have a lead time to prepare the congregation for such work. A decision for work in the summer would be best made in January or February. John Cole suggested that since this is not a crisis, we watch it and forget about it. Bill Adams agreed. Gregg Westerfield is watching the crack on the east wall and is keeping up the watering on that side. The crack stays the same size summer and winter. Until the cracks get a lot worse than they are now and start affecting the north wall, we need only to monitor it and put it on the agenda every six months, so that we know it needs to be done in the future. The matter can be brought up at the Annual Meeting and get a vote as to whether the parishioners want to start another Capital Campaign for this work that will be done in three or four years. It will be easier to raise money over a longer period of time than it is to budget for it out of our current spending. Bill Adams suggests we look at the matter again in December. Rev. Susie adds that we will plan on what to say at the Annual Meeting.

Summer Schedule: Rev. Susie wanted to know how the Vestry members feel about meetings during the summer...no meetings? One meeting in the middle of the summer? Will check signers be available during the summer? Bill Adams asked if everyone will be here for the June meeting. All said yes. He suggested we meet in June and decide from month to month. Either he or Gregg Westerfield will be available to sign checks.

Junior Warden's Report: Gregg Westerfield may ask Wade Wooten to change the air conditioner filters the first of June, since Gregg will be out of pocket then. Some of the underground well plumbing came loose, creating a small lake in the field. The well service was called and the plumbing was repaired.

Senior Warden's Report: Bill Adams put a stick in the lawn to mark a mushy area by the walk to the Parish Hall. He wondered if there was a leak in the sprinkler system. Gregg Westerfield said he would call Chick Landscaping in Salado. They installed the system.

Priest's report: This Sunday at 11:30 Rev. Susie will conduct a training class for "Safeguarding God's People". Four Vestry members have completed their registration. Others need to finish the process to attend the class. Melissa Primrose will not be here on May 30 to clean, so please look around and pick up any area that needs it for June First Sunday. Rev. Susie has been keeping track of the Archies. Sharon will undergo significant surgery in the coming month. It needs to be done before they can make their move to Houston area. The ECW will supply meals when needed. Susie has been doing some calendaring. She plans an International Potluck for the first Sunday in June. In July we will have hot dogs with special toppings and sundaes. In August we might have bar-b-que. Bill Adams asked if we need to have a special meeting to plan out the fall calendar. Susie suggested we do it at the June meeting. She would like to have election of new Vestry members in December so that the Vestry is ready to work in January. Janna Hammett suggested that the First Sunday breakfasts be simpler if we are going to have lunch also. Rev. Susie will be Camp Allen Chaplain from June 22-28. She has asked John Wells if he can cover for her June 28.

At 7:28 p.m. Rev. Susie closed the meeting with a prayer for Compline.