

## Minutes of the Vestry April 15, 2015

Present: The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic, Sr. Warden Fabrizio Pela, Jr. Warden Clint Alley, Bud Allen, Gayle Taylor, Laurie Anderson, Ginger Bredesen, Dick Cantine, Dick Briggs, Liz Cook, Jennifer Sams

Not Present: Mark Hamilton, Terri Tsuchida

Also Attending: Business Manager Elaine Mistele, Parish Treasurer Fred Henry, Observer Scott Crowell

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Mo. Paula who opened with a prayer. The members reflected on Luke 24: 36b-48.

The March minutes were approved.

Elaine gave the financial report. We are negative \$9,967.39. The finance committee feels comfortable with the numbers for the first quarter.

Fred said the audit went well and briefly explained the process.

**MOTION:** Fabrizio Pela moved the Vestry accept the 2014 Audit Report. The motion was seconded and **PASSED**.

Mo. Paula has three possible candidates for an Associate and will be interviewing them over the next few weeks. Two applicants are only available for part time. There is the possibility of also adding a deacon part time to create a full staff. Several vestry members have accepted her invitation to join her in meeting the candidates. She values input from others though, in fact, it is her decision that is final.

Clint led discussion on the Building and Grounds Committee's recommended priorities for upcoming projects, ranked "A," "B," and "C." (See attached copy.) He pointed out two that rank first: the roof repairs will be done by The Midwest Roofing company at an estimate bid of \$6,300 and budgeted at \$8,000 for unexpected additional work with tentative dates June 15-23 when Town and Country is on break; the addition of power and water sources for coffee hour outside the main church. Funding and dates are to be determined. Improved lighting in the Parish Hall will be completed in time for the Antique Show. The Fire Safety Assessment was changed to an "A" priority. Our insurance coverage will be evaluated. Clint reported Town and Country's March bill for power and water will reflect the best possible fair percentage of usage. The Building and Grounds Committee will next meet in June. Discussion will continue on possible solutions for dedicated space for Youth and Sunday School activities.

**MOTION:** Clint Alley moved the Vestry accept the priority rankings as recommended by the Building and Grounds Committee. The motion was seconded and **PASSED**.

The vestry agreed to support the Antique Show Gala with a catered table through contributions of \$30 from each vestry member. Checks should go to Elaine, made out to St. Francis Church with "gala table" in the memo line.

Mo. Paula and Fabrizio led discussion on plans for History Day which will be the beginning of developing the Parish Profile. The event will be lead by an outside clergy member. Dick Cantine, with help from Ginger Bredesen and Liz Cook, will research available material on the history of the parish. Other needed vestry committees will be developed at the May meeting.

Fabrizio read the letter he proposes to send to Bishop Bruno requesting his appointment of The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic as Priest in Charge Under Special Circumstances for St. Francis Episcopal Church.

**MOTION:** Gayle Taylor moved the Vestry approve the Sr. Warden's letter to the Bishop for this next step in our transition process. The motion was seconded and **PASSED.**

Dick Briggs announced an upcoming brunch to be held on May 3rd for discussion on Legacy Long Term Giving. Details will be published.

Ginger closed the meeting at 9:00 pm with a prayer.

Barbara Carpenter, Clerk