

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting January 15, 2014

Present: The Rev. Paula Vukmanic, Sr. Warden David Cannom, Jr. Warden Gary Stephenson, David Menninger, John Bukowski, Mary Ann Cronin, Blair Hinz, Fabrizio Pela, Bud Allen, Mark Hamilton, Gayle Taylor

Not Present: The Rev. Sarah Phelps (on Sabbatical), Nancy Backes, P.J. Kuyper

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

David Cannom called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm. Mo. Paula gave the opening prayer. The members shared key words/phrases that touched them from a reading of John 1:29-42.

The minutes were approved.

Elaine gave the financial report. 2013 ended with a positive of \$11,566.73 after an income in December of \$21,792.03. She pointed out a new page showing Special Gift Activity. It will appear monthly in the report. She was delighted to announce the signing of a lease for one year at \$2600 per month for the Limber/St. Nicholas property.

Gary updated the infrastructure assessment. The new sensor failed causing water damage in the choir room area. The plumber believes the new sensor was defective and has ordered another one. The sump pump replacement is still necessary in the future and should be the number one priority for action. The electrical evaluation is now on a CD. The estimate for pulling the electrical panels and taking thermal scans came in at \$8500! Gary feels this is very high; Tom Tenney has agreed to advise in this area. Gary feels we may need to address only the chapel and parish hall at this time. The entry garden transformation is in progress.

Gary shared Verizon's request for modifications on the cell tower. They would like to raise the height of one cabinet by several feet and create an additional fencing to match the height. There would be no damage to the Town and Country mural. Additional antennae would be added at the top of the mast. They request the Vestry give approval for them to take the plans to Palos Verdes Estates City for submission. David Cannom agreed to sign the petition; Elaine served as notary. Town and Country will be advised of the pending activity.

Gary reported on Ministry Council actions: a ride share program has begun, 'Fellowship Walks' have begun after the 10 o'clock service, St. Theresa's Chinese New Year event is planned for February 8th, Designs for Dining will be February 28th and March 1st, there will be an all parish book read for Lent, the Youth will host the Pancake Supper on March 4th, the choir will present an Evensong/Concert on March 16th, Habitat for Humanity will be an all Deanery event this year on March 21st and 22nd, Friars will be hosting the four Lenten suppers (March 12th, 19th, 26th & April 2nd) and there will be Confirmation this year; the preparation class is scheduled for June 8th.

The Vestry reviewed and discussed the proposed 2014 budget.

MOTION: John Bukowski moved the Vestry approve the proposed 2014 budget for \$685,476.00 with COLA at 2% for the year and exceptions: The Rev. Paula Vukmanic at 80% of The Rev. Sarah Phelps' salary and Susan Marshall's salary at parity with Mary Sanchez's salary. The motion was seconded and PASSED.

MOTION: Fabrizio Pela moved Rick Capellino be appointed by the Vestry to complete the one year remaining of P.J. Kuyper's term. The motion was seconded and PASSED.

Candidates for Vestry and Diocesan Convention Delegates were presented. Vestry: Laurie Anderson, Ginger Bredesen, Dick Cantine and Terri Tsuchida. Convention delegates: Mark Hamilton (representing the Vestry), Nancy Backes, Joy Miles, Hank Gatlin, Suzanne Gatlin, and alternates Albert Zimmerman and Susie Zimmerman.

MOTION: Mary Ann Cronin moved the slates for Vestry and Delegates be approved. The motion was seconded and PASSED.

Dick Briggs has spent hours and hours in order to adjust a tax issue increase resulting from the cell tower lease and our lease with Town and Country. Our Articles of Incorporation must be changed to include Welfare Exemption Status. Members of the Parish must vote for this change, and permission must be obtained from the diocese before a vote is held. Every effort is being made to have this permission in time for a vote at the Annual Meeting on January 26, 2014.

David Cannom and Mo. Paula discussed the need for an additional week of Sabbatical for Mo. Sarah. Mike has had a health issue that prevented Sarah's originally scheduled week in N.C. at the Davidson Center. They are able to take her the last week in February. The Vestry is supportive.

Gayle closed the meeting at 9 pm with a prayer.

Barbara Carpenter, Clerk