

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MINUTES OF VESTRY MEETING AUGUST 26, 2018

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:50 AM by Rector Neil Tadken. The following members responded to roll call: Phil Schultz, Senior Warden (2018); Greg Bonn, Junior Warden (2019); Susan Goff, Clerk (2018); Steve Baker, 2019); Linda Taubenreuther (2019); Sonja Shea (2020); Robert Parry (2020). Linda Cleary (2018) and Raquel McLaughlin (2020) were excused. Staff present: The Rev. Neil Tadken, Rector. The Rev. Nathan Biornstad and Deacon Ann Dumolt were excused.
2. The Opening Prayer was led by Ms. Goff.
Agenda Item #6 was heard at this time. There was a presentation by Mr. Fernando Artaud of Lease Advisors regarding the issue of the cell tower lease with Verizon. Lease Advisors offers to purchase the Verizon Lease and to market the tower, should that become necessary.
3. In Closed Session, the Vestry heard a personnel/volunteer matter. By consensus, the Vestry agreed upon a plan that would meet the needs of the matter.
4. The minutes of the July meeting were approved as previously corrected.
5. The Financial Report was presented by Treasurer Steve Baker. **MSC** – Goff to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. **MSC** – Baker to donate the remainder of the funds In Fr. Nathan's Discretionary Fund to his "Purse" fund that will become part of his Discretionary Fund at his new parish.
6. See #2 above.
7. Mr. Bonn reported that he had interviewed five entities which had used Associates Reserve Company for their reserve needs studies. All reviews were positive. **MSC**- Goff that given the approval of the Rector and the two wardens following a conference call interview with the company, Associates Reserve company be retained at a cost not to exceed \$6,000.
8. Fr. Neil gave a report on the progress of Buildings and Grounds projects. Roof work is scheduled to begin in September. Bids are being taken for painting of the Library, Children's classrooms and parts of the Narthex and Chapel. Plans are complete for the Guild Hall kitchen, including the purchase of cabinets. **MSC** – Parry (6 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention) to authorize expenditure of \$50,000 for the renovation of Guild Hall kitchen, with the hope of taking advantage of limited time sales for cabinetry and appliances.
9. Wardens Schultz and Bonn and Fr. Neil reported on the upcoming Stewardship Drive. Kelly Lauer has agreed to be the Chairman of the Stewardship Committee; the theme from last year, "Step In, Step Up, Step Out" will be continued this year. Ingathering will take place on the Feast of St. Luke.
10. Out-going Vestry Schultz, Goff, Cleary will constitute the core of the committee for Vestry Candidate Search. One member of the congregation who is neither a vestry person nor a potential candidate will complete the roster of the committee.
11. Mr. Parry requested an update on the status of the Bowen Estate funds and suggested that those funds not be shown in the operating budget.
12. Fr. Neil gave a report on Deacon Ann and her health issues. **MSC** – Parry that the Rector engage the Diocese to address resources for clergy in need. **MSC** – Parry that St. Luke's make a "second" loan, secured by the Church, not to exceed \$30,000 and that a subcommittee be

appointed by the Rector to establish appropriate terms and conditions. **MSC** – Bonn that the Rector be authorized to spend up to \$5,000 to begin work on Deacon Ann's condo, the sum to be reimbursed to the Church when funds are available.

13. The Closing Prayer was offered by Fr. Neil and the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Susan Goff, Clerk