

ST. GABRIEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Vestry Meeting Minutes

JANUARY 8, 2020

Steve Fairbrother – Senior Warden

Mark Hessler – Junior Warden

Eric Miller – Treasurer

Carol Heist – Clerk of the Vestry

Steve Fairbrother, Carly Greenwald, Suzanne Siebert – 2020

Mark Hessler, Jo Rivera, Carol Heist – 2021

Ben Heckman, Eric Miller, Bill Strickland – 2022

Present: VanBuren, Fairbrother, C. Heist, Greenwald, Siebert, Rivera, Heckman, Strickland

Absent: Miller, Hessler

Guest: D. Troncelliti

The meeting was called to order at 6:35PM by Andrew VanBuren, Priest-in-Charge. The meeting opened with a Collect and reading and discussion of the Gospel and sharing God-finds.

Minutes - The minutes of the December meeting were approved after a motion by Jo Rivera, seconded by Ben Heckman.

New Vestry Members – Carol Heist will remain on the Vestry in her 2021 term. New members for the 2023 term are: Danielle Troncelliti, Carly Greenwald and Suzanne Siebert. Danielle Troncelliti will begin her term as Senior Warden. They will be approved at the Annual Meeting on January 26.

Krause Trust and Endowment Distributions – As recommended by Treasurer Eric Miller the Vestry approved a 6% distribution for 2020 after a motion by Bill Strickland and a second by Ben Heckman.

Andrew's Housing Allowance – Bill Strickland moved and Steve Fairbrother seconded the resolution for \$4,800 be designated for Andrew's housing allowance in 2020 per Section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code.

2020 Diocesan Representatives to Convention – St. Gabriel's is entitled to 3 delegates based on membership. Jo Rivera, Danielle Troncelliti and Russ McClellan will be delegates with Steve Fairbrother and Carol Heist available as alternates. Ben Heckman moved and Carly Greenwald seconded this motion and it was approved. Convention will be held October 2 – 3 in Bethlehem.

Ministry Updates - Youth – Ben Heckman reported on a recent Parent Meeting that was very well attended. There was some interest in volunteering and fundraising ideas. Future gatherings with Christ Church, Reading are being pursued.

Children – Carly Greenwald shared that the Nativity Pageant on Christmas Eve went well with some adult help. Two men stepped in as Kings! The classes will focus on resolutions and promises in January.

Living Compass – Suzanne Siebert and Jo Rivera hope to offer another class in March. Sign-up will begin in February with the class offered either between services on Sundays or on Monday evening based on the needs of the majority attending the class.

Laundry Love – The next Laundry Love will be held on January 21. The December event went well. Donations of quarters, detergent, and baked goods are always needed.

Coffee Hour – Danielle Troncelliti asked about location of recent Coffee Hours. Several were held in the Library to see how it worked. One was very successful with a large attendance. The other one not so much. The benefits to location were discussed and it was suggested that this discussion continue in the future.

Prayer – Suzanne Siebert shared her concerns for our country and asks that we include prayers for our country in our daily meditations. She shared a prayer from the BCP with us.

Priest – in – Charge Report – Andrew submitted his written report for December and reviewed it with the Vestry. Notes from the Cottage Meetings will be shared in the future. He met with several parishioners. Bill Heist will become the new Financial Secretary replacing Darlene Cooper who is retiring. Worship Committee will meet on January 19 and it is open to all. He held Advent Evening Prayer and will be doing something different for Lent. Photo Directory for the 300th Anniversary is set with photos being taken on February 20, 21, and 22. He is negotiating a visit by the Bishop in June for Confirmations. He is meeting with Rev. Midge Pendergast from Christ Church, Reading, on January 11 to plan youth gatherings. He will be taking a week off in March but will be back for weekend services.

Building and Property Update – There was no report since Mark Hessler was absent. The Property Committee will meet in early February.

Treasurer's Report – Eric Miller submitted his report via e-mail with an updated budget for 2020. It was approved after a motion by Carol Heist and a second by Jo Rivera. Alan Rieger has agreed to assist with the listing of the River Tract property. A letter will be sent to the Bishop by Eric and Andrew that outlines the property and our plan to list/sell it at a competitive price.

Other Business – A heartfelt thank you was given to Steve Fairbrother for his years of service to the Vestry and as Senior Warden.

Eucharist followed, and after a motion by Steve Fairbrother, seconded by Ben Heckman, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Heist, Clerk of the Vestry