



CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY
VESTRY MINUTES
Date: 5/16/2017

Attending:

Richard Sause	X	Tori Aitchison	X	Werner Reinartz	X
Karen Boksan	X	Susan Sartaretto		Joe Hafich	X
Annalisa Kelly-Cavotta		Kyle Cole		Harry Johnston	X
Don Appleton	X	Mary Mulder		Meg Seltzer	

Clergy: Tony Pompa

Richard called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Spiritual Practice: Richard led the group through an evening prayer service that incorporated text from the 1549 Book of Common Prayer.

Mission Focus: Evangelism – Sign

Don reviewed the sign project and we had earnest dialogue. We will want to make sure that all Vestry members have a strong understanding of the proposed sign project before formal voting action is taken.

Approval of minutes

The minutes were reviewed. Werner made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Don seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Campus Plan Initiative

There was no update on the campus plan.

Finance report

Don noted that the Finance Committee met Saturday morning. The income side for April is strong- tracking above target and at 37 percent. Pledge income is strong.

Don and Bill reviewed the checking account and an unusual circumstance was that the \$45,000 DIT payment arrived not at the end of March but in early April.

The checking account has overdraft protection in place if needed.

On the expense side, maintenance costs were a little high as work on the retaining wall was not budgeted for. Don expects we'll be ok.

In the account balance there is a net excess in income and we're in a strong position heading into the summer months.

Don shared that monies set aside at one point for a proposed Nativity Youth Camp Pavilion at Camp Lackawanna will be returned to the Third Millennium Fund. The project will not take place.

Werner made a motion to approve the Finance Committee Report and Harry seconded. The report was approved.

Property report

Richard reported that the pipe project is going forward – sometime in June before it gets too hot.

Repairs need to be made to the slate roof of the Deanery. The committee is looking for quotes.

Richard noted that artificial slate can be used... it is more durable and less expensive.

It was also noted that Jose Mendez discussed with the Property Committee that our property is being used in negative ways. Discussion ensued regarding specifics and strategies that could be employed to address these concerns. No action was taken at this time. Tony noted that these concerns about troublesome activity on our property are long standing issues and reflective of the neighborhood in which we are situated.

The Property Committee is also entertaining ideas for how we might work with Lehigh University. The university has a desire for more parking particularly since they have people in the nearby Flat Iron building.

Stewardship report

Nominating report: Delegates to Convention

Tony noted that nominating committee will need to start in the summer to determine delegates to convention to be selected at the annual meeting in January. Every year we will elect the entire slate. The old practice of electing for two year terms is no longer canonical.

Budget report

Personnel report

Old Business

TMF petitions were approved by the TMF committee on 4/22.

Werner made a motion to approve the expenditure of funds for those approved petitions. Don seconded the motion and the Vestry approved unanimously.

More information to come regarding the Vestry retreat in August... likely to be held at the Barnabite Spiritual Center on Hecktown Rd.

New Business

Vestry will have to figure out what to do with the Deanery going forward at the point that the Mustaffa family relocates to new housing

Snippets

- The HVAC pipe replacement project is moving forward and the pipe that runs under the parking lot will likely be replaced in June before it gets too hot.
- TMF funds were approved.
- The Vestry had earnest dialogue concerning the proposed sign project. We are inching closer to a decision.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm

Next meeting

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

- Chaplain -
- Dinner Host -

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Boksan
Junior Warden