

NATIVITY CATHEDRAL

CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY VESTRY MINUTES

May 17, 2016

Attending: Victoria Aitchison, Don Appleton, Cathy Bailey, Karen Boksan, Kyle Cole, Richard Guyer, Harry Johnston, Annalisa Kelly-Cavotta, Werner Reinartz, Susan Sartoretto, Meg Seltzer, Kris Warner.

Clergy: Michelle Moyer

Dick Guyer called the meeting to order.

Spiritual Practice: Michelle Moyer
Prayer Triads

Mission Focus: Presentation by Michelle Moyer on Refugee Ministries. Group of parishioners interested in working with refugee resettlement to begin meeting. Episcopal Migration Ministries and Bethany Christian Services will work with us.

Approval of minutes: Werner Reinartz made a motion to approve the April 2016 minutes, as submitted. Don Appleton seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jr. Warden election: Kris Warner nominated by Dick Guyer, seconded by Werner Reinartz, unanimously elected.

Property report: After flooding of Good Shepherd Chapel on May 14 2016, Fire inspector – recommends that we get a KNOX box to have a key to the building available to the fire department in case of emergency. Pipe for heating/cooling system between Sayer Hall and Church needs repair. Hole in roof of Deanery.

Finance report: First quarter of year income looks good. Expenses are all in line except for Church insurance which is billed 10 out of 12 months and we will not have disbursement in May and June. This will even out in the next quarter. Motion to accept and file financial report for audit by Meg Seltzer, seconded by Werner Reinartz. Audit report will be forthcoming. Diocese is looking for experienced volunteers to help parishes do their audits.

Stewardship report: no report this month.

Fund raising: Wine tasting has been very successful over past couple of years. Auction not as successful due to numerous auctions in the area in a short time frame. Any other ideas of fund raisers. Need vestry members to help with this, contact Dick Guyer.

Campus plan retreat: June 10th and 11th Episcopal Church Building Fund will meet with us to look at our campus plan.

Open conversation: How can we connect folks to one another? Brainstorming included:

- Revive dinner groups?
- Refugee resettlement will bring a large group of varied folks together for planning and hospitality.
- Occasional week with only one service to bring everyone together?
- Adult forum with opportunity to share around tables.
- The more ministries we have the more opportunities there will be to work with others.
- Fund raising projects can allow small groups to work together.
- Do we need something for the 8am service attendees to do between 9:00am and 9:30am so they stay for the adult forum?
- Remove pews from church to allow for more flexibility of services.
- Other options during adult forum time i.e. meditations in the Sayer Chapel; other study groups; bible study; other topics around current issues/problems.
- There are parents who hang in the downstairs hallway near the Sunday school rooms, can we have opportunities for them like gathering space or programs.
- Summer breakfasts.
- Pot luck suppers at the church.

Snippets:

- Refugee resettlement program group will be working with Episcopal Migration Ministries and Bethany Christian Services to begin the process of bringing refugees to the Lehigh Valley.
- Campus planning project starting June 10th and 11th as we meet with Episcopal Church Building Fund staff.
- Summer breakfasts start July 10th from 9:00-10:00 am each Sunday.

Special thanks to Barbara Iannelli for dinner tonight.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 21st

- June chaplain – Don Appleton
- June dinner host – Joe Hafich

Respectfully submitted.

Cathy Bailey
Vestry Clerk.