

Calvary Episcopal Church Minutes

CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
MINUTES OF VESTRY MEETING
June 12, 2018

The June meeting was called to order by Sr. Warden Jewlon Morris at 6:35 PM.
The vestry said an opening prayer for the parish.

Vestry Members Present:

Leslie Amentini	Roy Haley
Frank Lemkowitz	Oscar Lozano
Dorothy Lyons	Jewlon Morris
Joyce Strimple	David Taylor

Also Present: Father Paul Wehner, Rev. Lecia Brannon

Vestry Members Absent: Betty Best, Jim Kidda, Missy Marek and Scott McLemore.

Rev. Lecia led the vestry in a devotional provided by Missy Marek, John Piper's *The Payout for Patience*, based on the life of Joseph.

Rev. Lecia reviewed Chapter 6 (Stewardship) of *Best of the Vestry Papers*, and vestry members were asked to read Chapters 7 and 8 for the next meeting, when Chapter 8 will be discussed. As part of the discussion concerning stewardship, Rev. Lecia presented copies of the Episcopal Church Domestic Fast Facts for 2016. These can also be found at this website:
https://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/documents/episcopal_church_domestic_fast_facts.pdf

Review of May Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the May meeting were reviewed for accuracy and approved, following a motion to approve by Frank Lemkowitz which was seconded by Dorothy Lyons.

Treasurer's Report

- * Pledge offerings were lower than projected for the past month, probably due to the Memorial Day weekend, and are anticipated to catch up in the next month.
- * Designated outreach income is used only for outreach activities such as Hurricane Harvey project for which it is designated, but is counted as income to track contributions Calvary makes to outreach projects. Designated outreach expenses equal the designated income, which exceed budgeted amounts.
- * Building and Grounds/ Monitoring and tech services expenses of 1330.20 were for the school and include server issues, backup maintenance and billing corrections with the school from 2017.
- * Building and Grounds/ Repairs and Maintenance include baptismal fount repair, annual cleanup day, pest/ termite inspections, and freezer and AC repairs as well as payment to Hippler for installation of lights in parish hall, circle drive and on the youth building.
- * Outreach initiatives of \$1,186.88 primarily involved assisting in the move of a parishioner who has partially repaid the cost.

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- * Worship Music expenses for May included license allowing lyrics to be printed in the bulletins.
- * Worship Flower expenses include payment for Easter flowers.

Rector's Report

- * Columbarium: the wall for the Columbarium addition—between the kiosk (“Kelly Moore room”) and the Baptistry—is a load-bearing wall which will require renovation, but as the delivery for the Columbarium addition will take 14 to 16 weeks, the renovations will not begin until closer to the time the columbarium addition is expected to arrive, to minimize disruption.
- * Parish Hall Security Doors: a school benefactor offered a gift of \$10,000.00 which will cover the replacement of sliding wooden doors between the front foyer and the parish hall with glass doors having panic bars to push open to the foyer (similar to the exterior doors of the solarium) requiring a key to enter. These doors will only be locked during school hours. A motion to approve installation of the doors for the purpose of protecting and safeguarding Calvary Preparatory students during school hours was made by Dorothy Lyons and seconded by Roy Haley.
- * Church/ School Bus Proposal: the school is continuing to handle discussions of purchase of YMCA school buses.
- * Nancy Wilkes Ordination: Nancy, who has been Calvary's Iona school student from a different parish, will have her ordination at a 10:00 AM service on June 23 at St John the Divine Church in River Oaks. Because 8 other candidates will also be ordained at that service, parishioners planning to attend are encouraged to arrive early. Beginning August 19, Nancy will begin serving as Calvary Episcopal Church's deacon.
- * July Meeting: Because of General Convention in Austin July 5 - 13, Father Paul requested the July vestry meeting be postponed to July 17. Joyce Strimple moved that the meeting be postponed to that date and David Taylor seconded.
- * The Episcopal Diocese of Texas is hosting a Backyard Barbecue Saturday, July 7 from 7:00 to 11:00 PM at Palmer Event Center in Austin.

Curate's Report

- * Pastoral Care: As noted in Rector's Report, Calvary will have a new deacon in August.
- * Christian Formation: There is no weekly Sunday School in summer. Adults are encouraged to participate in Calvary's summer lending library program. On Saturday, July 28 will be the first of quarterly Fearfully and Wonderfully Made classes for the whole family, the first one with a pancake breakfast and animals brought by Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation Center.
- * VBS: Vacation Bible School starts Monday, June 18 at 6:30 PM for children while their parents are invited to attend parenting classes on Tuesday and Thursday. 16 children have been enrolled so far.

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Sr. Warden Report

- * Myers Endowment Board: The annual Joint Meeting with the Myers Endowment Board, the School Board and Vestry is scheduled for June 26 with a fajita dinner at 5:30 PM. The following vestry members volunteered agreed to attend: Leslie Amentini, Dorothy Lyons, Joyce Strimple, Frank Lemkowitz, Roy Haley, Oscar Lozano and David Taylor.
- * Vestry members are reminded when closing the Family Life Center to insure that the magnet lock is turned "On".

Jr. Warden Report

- * Recent Repairs: Sprinklers have been repaired and some replaced with soaker hoses to prevent further splashing/ water mineral buildup on the solarium windows. Hippler Electric has been servicing the air conditioning system.
- * New roof leaks have been noted in the Parish hall.
- * General Maintenance To Do list: Outside electric boxes require inspection. The Jesus of the Resurrection window was temporarily sealed but needs a permanent sealing. The large church door hinges need work.
- * Flood control abatement depends on Rosenberg and Richmond city councils, which have not acted at this time.

Committee Reports

- * Membership: Newcomers: one new member has joined. 3 Welcome cards were received. Suzette Hillis is heading up a fun day at Splashway Water Park in Sheridan Texas for church members August 10.
- * Outreach: The Hurricane Harvey Project house is anticipated to be completed before the July vestry meeting. Painting should commence this week. Estimates are being collected to install the back porch. The Adult Mission Trip leaves for Galveston Wednesday June 13. Friends of North Richmond has Mission Week next week, but at this point Calvary will be unable to participate as a church. Closer coordination will be planned next year. Help is requested in acquiring certificates/ plaques for businesses that have donated labor and materials to the Hurricane Harvey Project including installing plumbing and electricity.
- * Rally Day will be August 26.

New Business

- * None

Old Business

- * None

The vestry said a closing prayer.

At 8:52 the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: David Taylor, Clerk