

Calvary Episcopal Church Minutes

CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
MINUTES OF VESTRY MEETING
MARCH 11, 2018

The March meeting was called to order by Sr. Warden Jewlon Morris on Sunday at 1:09 PM following an opening prayer said by the vestry for the parish.

Vestry Members Present:

Leslie Amentini
Betty Best
Roy Haley
Jim Kidida
Oscar Lozano
Dorothy Lyons
Missy Marek
Scott McLemore
Jewlon Morris
David Taylor

Vestry Members Absent: Frank Lemkowitz, Joyce Strimple

Oscar Lozano led the vestry in a devotional on the topic what we can do to help bring us together.

Rev. Lecia Brannon led a discussion on The Best of the Vestry Papers Chapter 3, *Vestry Roles and Responsibilities* and requested vestry members to read Chapter 4 for the April meeting.

Approval of the February Minutes

The minutes of the February meeting were reviewed for accuracy and approved, following a motion to approve by Betty Best which was seconded by Leslie Amentini.

Finance Committee Report

- * Revenue is down by about \$2,000.00 due to a shortfall in pledges below anticipated amount.
- * Designated Outreach donations in February received a sizable boost from Souper Bowl of Caring, which funds were then distributed to Helping Hands as a Designated Outreach expenditure.
- * Office expenses include travel reimbursement for Christian formation training in January.
- * Increased gas expense for Building and Grounds reflected additional heating needs in January.
- * Bank fees include the Kiosk fees.
- * Sound expenses for Worship reflect a large up-front payment for wireless headset microphones, etc.
- * Other variances may appear abnormally low because money is set aside for expenses not yet due or expenses for the year are paid up front.
- * February kiosk transactions were down from December, but up from January.

Rector's Report

- * Ministry Map: Fr Paul reported no vestry members expressed a desire to change assignments. Committees need to plan quarterly reports and vestry members should help them with this, and guide them in seeking help as they may need.
- * Welcome reception: Fr Paul will be hosting a welcome reception for visitors at his house on April 22. Vestry members and church members are encouraged to attend and make new friends.
- * VPOD schedule was circulated for vestry members to sign, and will be e-mailed out.

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- * Personnel changes: Celeste Davis has resigned and Fr Paul is interviewing applicants for her job. In the meantime, daytime volunteers are needed.
- * Camp Allen family retreat will be October 19-21, 2018. The same group is organizing this. Campers are encouraged to be self-sufficient.
- * Upcoming Holy Week dates and events were discussed.
- * A viewing of *Screen-agers* will be held in the Parish Hall March 22, regarding effects of social media and electronic screen viewing.
- * Calvary Episcopal Preparatory will present *Beauty and the Beast* April 25 through 28.

Curate's Report

- * Pastoral care *The first Mourner's Path* class will start after Easter, including education on end-of-life issues including legal factors, funeral planning, etc.
- * Christian Formation: Dan Bradley's class on Verna Dozier's *The Dream of God* continues on Sundays until Palm Sunday and Easter when there will be no Sunday School. The Lenten series continues on Wednesdays. A Bible study group is being conducted by Art Callahan in Del Webb in the home of Al and Laurie Cusick on Friday afternoons at 1:00 PM.

Senior Warden's Report

- * Committee Reports: Vestry members are requested to encourage committees to produce quarterly reports to apprise the parish of needs/ accomplishments/ blessings/ prayer needs.
- * Vestry spiritual journeys: Leslie Amentini, Betty Best, Roy Haley and Oscar Lozano gave their spiritual journeys.
- * Sunday offering/ Count procedure: Vestry members are requested to offer to assist VPOD in counting the offering.
- * General Convention will be in Austin this year and volunteers are requested.

Junior Warden's Report

- * Dishwasher: Dishwasher has been installed, detergent and rinse agents have been connected and flow in automatically. The dishwasher can fit three trays.
- * New lawnmower: Per e-mail request from the rector following the past meeting, the vestry approved purchase of a new lawnmower for the campus. The lawnmower is commercial-grade with a four-year warranty.
- * Spring cleaning for Holy Week is scheduled for Saturday, March 24 and will include replacement of base for pew cushions and sheet-rocking in the bell tower.
- * Notification of projects needed: The junior warden invited vestry members to submit projects needing consideration. There was discussion of apparent sagging of the balcony which has been inspected and deemed safe by a structural engineer. There was discussion of doors failing to close properly in the narthex.

Committee Reports

- * Formation Committee—VBS will be June 18-22. Parenting classes will be offered. Early Communion class has 5 participants. Children's Chapel will have separate classes for Pre-K to 2nd and 3rd through 5th grade. EYC has 15 participants.
- * Outreach Committee—A poster board will be prepared to inform the parish of the progress and needs of Calvary's Harvey relief project.

New Business

None.

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Old Business

- * Vision Event from Vestry retreat: A committee of vestry and school board will meet to address the next steps of the vision statements developed during the vestry retreat.
- * Campus Security Plan: Rector and representative from school will meet with Fort Bend Sheriff Department. One issue of concern is shared space, and will probably require revision of doors between the front door vestibule and the parlor.

The vestry said a closing prayer.

At 3:50 PM, the meeting adjourned.

Submitted by David Taylor, Clerk