

Calvary Episcopal Church Minutes

CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH MINUTES OF VESTRY MEETING

July 17, 2018

The July meeting was called to order by Sr. Warden Jewlon Morris at 6:34 PM.
The vestry said an opening prayer for the parish.

Vestry Members Present: Leslie Amentini, Betty Best, Roy Haley, Frank Lemkowitz, Oscar Lozano, Scott McLemore, Jewlon Morris, David Taylor.

Also Present: Fr Paul Wehner and Rev Lecia Brannon. Jacob and Kate Hillis attended prior to the business of the vestry to make a presentation of their participation in Cru ministry (formerly known as Campus Crusade for Christ).

Vestry Members Absent: Jim Kidda, Dorothy Lyons, Missy Marek, Joyce Strimple.

David Taylor led the vestry in a devotional entitled "Divine Appointments: What is in your hand, and who is in your path?"

Review of June Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the June Meeting Minutes were reviewed for accuracy and approved, following a motion to approve by Roy Haley which was seconded by Betty Best.

Finance Committee Report

- * Total revenues are about \$7,000.00 short of budget due largely to a decrease in pledge payments which is attributed to normal summer activity and anticipated to correct.
- * Computer support equipment reflects an annual expense for the church / school website.
- * Repairs / maintenance costs include 2nd quarter payment to Hippler. It is noted the budget does not reflect electricity/ utilities which have not been billed yet, so this may affect the July balance sheet.
- * Under Finance Committee, bank fees include all online activity involving the church, not just the kiosk.
- * Outreach expenses show payment for adult mission trip, and an annual fee for Kids' Hope which will level in the future.
- * Calvary life ministries show an increase in kitchen supplies due to the Spaghetti dinner fundraiser for the Hurricane Harvey project.
- * Worship Ministry reflects additional cost for bulletins due to extra color bulletins being printed for graduation events. Overall, total expenses exceeded revenue this month but the balance remains in the black for the annual budget.

Rector's Report

- * The Columbarium has been purchased and will be installed in 6 to 8 weeks. To help finance it, there will be reduced price pre-sale of niches.
- * Security doors have been installed between the parish hall and the Thompson highway foyer to provide security during the school year. These will be kept unlocked and propped open in summer and on Sundays.
- * Two church/ school buses have been acquired.
- * On August 19, a celebration of the ordinations of Rev Lecia Brannon and Deacon Nancy Wilkes will be held. Details will be announced at a later date.

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- * Bishop Phillip Duncan II (retired) from Central Gulf Coast diocese will visit Calvary Episcopal Church on October 21. Vestry is asked to consider what ministries to discuss with him. It was mentioned that as a Gulf Coast resident, he may be interested in our Hurricane Harvey outreach.
- * On Friday night, August 24, a reception will be held to meet and answer questions of parishioners interested in vestry functions or in serving on the vestry. Four vestry members will be leaving vestry at the end of the year and need replacement.

Associate Priest's Report

- * The next healing service is scheduled for July 29. Attendance has been steady.
- * For Christian Formation, a weekly adult Bible study on The Spirit-Filled Life will begin Monday nights at 6:00 PM.
- * The Associate Priest summarized the activities and an average day at the General Convention held in Austin July 5 - 13. One note is that Cuba was voted to return as a diocese. The next General Convention will be 2021 in Baltimore, Maryland. The Lambeth Conference will be held in 2020.

Sr. Warden Report

- * No new report.

Jr. Warden Report

- * The junior warden and sexton together repaired two major valve water leaks.
- * The Amana oven has unexplained temperature drops during the cooking process. A company repairman who investigated said this was normal, but the junior warden will confirm this with the company and determine how to appropriately utilize the oven to prevent under-cooking of food.
- * The parish hall roof has a leak but the source could not be found. Duran Roofing charges \$150.00 just for a test to pinpoint the leak, not including the cost to repair the leak. The vestry agreed with the expenditure of \$150.00 for the test.

Committee Reports

- * Roy Haley presented a timeline and expenditure sheet for the Hurricane Harvey project. A blessing of the home for the family needs to be scheduled, as does a general celebration to thank volunteers and contributors. Roy requested assistance with production of certificates of appreciation for the businesses that contributed materials and labor. Leslie Amentini, Betty Best and David Taylor volunteered for this project.

New Business

- * Limiting access to school facilities: Frank Lemkowitz proposed a modification to vestry person of the day (VPOD) duties on Sundays whereby the Family Life Center and exterior doors to the school would remain locked and the access to Children's Chapel would be only through the double doors in the kitchen hallway, or as an alternative, the VPOD would accompany the children to open the exterior doors enroute to Children's Chapel. This is a proactive approach to prevent intruders from entering school areas unnoticed and potentially hiding in classrooms to commit theft of school property after the campus is locked. The VPOD procedure change did not require a motion and was agreed upon.
- * College mission support: Following a discussion of the Jacob and Kate's presentation, [and with the knowledge that Angel Gonzales is embarking on a similar mission with similar needs, the the proposal was made](#) to designate Outreach funds of \$100.00 per month for Jacob and Kate and \$50.00 per month for Angel [for the coming year](#). Betty Best moved to accept this proposal and Scott McLemore seconded. The motion passed.

Old Business

- * None.

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The vestry said a closing prayer.

At 9:28 PM, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by / David Taylor, Clerk