

CHRIST CHURCH BY THE SEA VESTRY MEETING MINUTES Mar 2016

A vestry meeting was held at the home of Fr. Jack+ on March 22, 2016. The following vestry members were present: Fr. Jack+, Jennifer Birchall-Creighton, Mark LeGeros, Fernando Sandoval, Joyce Lujan, and Dana Faris. Also present were: Fr. Michael Schirmacher, David Salas, and Shirley Wehrs, vestry clerk. Vestry absent: Janet & Ralph

Fr. Jack+ opened with a prayer and welcomed the newly elected vestry members Dana Faris and Joyce Lujan.

1. Fr. Jack+ reported that Janet had convened a committee to look into retiring the mortgage. Committee Members include Janet, Ralph, John Creighton, Allan Affleck, George Fulton, and Dana Faris. George Fulton had checked out the property lines with the Government. Janet was going to meet with an attorney to see if we could move the act of Regularizing the Deed from Ejido. The mortgage is comprised of \$400,000 purchase price of property, plus \$50,000 in remodeling. The debt is due April 15, 2018.

Casa de Celebration owns the property, and their Articles of Incorporation allow the S.A.de C.V. to do a myriad of things, including rent the property. Christ Church uses the property for free, and the donations to Mexico, Ministry & Missions, Inc. are used to pay the interest on the mortgage. John Creighton has come up with an idea of people giving increments of \$25,000 interest free, and paying off the debt. Once a year the money that was going to pay the interest (approximately \$25,000 per year) would be given to the donor who picked the winning number from a basket each year. That way each year one donor would be repaid his/her donation. Fr. Jack+ reported he already has pledges totaling \$175,000. Jennifer reported that Canadians may realize a US tax deduction on 80% of their US income. To instruct the congregation in the raising of the money to pay the mortgage, they need to know they need to buy Casa de Celebration to own the church. It was suggested the fund-raising information should be on the web-site.

2. Financial - Fr. Jack+ reported that St. Dunstan's had again donated funds from their annual Rummage Sale. Janet Hoffman's children have donated a total of \$4,000 towards retiring the mortgage. An additional speaker was needed in the courtyard at a cost of approximately \$4,000 pesos. It was moved, seconded and carried to purchase said speaker. More Green Hymnals are needed also, for the increased attendance, and a motion was made, seconded and carried to purchase the new Green Books. Bingo - we gain approximately \$6,000 pesos

every time we have Beer, Burgers & Bingo. Don and Kathie Bailey did the entire job this time, obtaining the food, setting up, and cleaning up with the help of some parishioners. We have given Casa de Hogar blankets, and bibles. Pat May is still delivering the soaps & shampoo to the women's prison, as well as teaching them how to sew. They make things at the prison which are sold, and the money is kept aside for them when they are released. We give them each a sewing machine and their money and they can start a new life.

3. Classes - Fr. Michael is giving a terrific class on Wednesday soup & salad night, of

Grief and The Movies. It encourages interaction between those attending. Shirley has begun a women's class, starting this year with the book "How to Deliver Yourself From Negative Self Talk", a biblically centered discussion, followed by some craft making. It has been well received and has very animated discussions. It is open to any woman whether a member of Christ Church or not. They call themselves "Angels in Training".

4. Facebook - David Salas was invited to instruct the vestry on the value of having Christ Church on Facebook. It was decided that any information on the website was approved for use on our Facebook page. It would be informational only, no comments. This was moved, and seconded to have David do this.
5. It was moved, seconded and carried to have the name Christ Church by the Sea.org replaced on the front wall, as well as an insignia on the west facing wall above the gas tank so cars going north could see the name before they passed the building. Sandia Tuttle has given \$200 for this expense.
6. Committees: the following Committee Chairs were selected. They will be responsible for their own members, and they will report back to the vestry each month on their activities: MEMBERSHIP/GREETERS - Jennifer Birchall-Creighton; COMMUNICATIONS: Dana Faris; FINANCE - Ralph Osborne & Fernando Sandoval; SOCIAL - Joyce Lujan;

OUTREACH - Mark LeGeros, and MORTGAGE RETIREMENT - Janet Hoffman

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m. NEXT VESTRY MEETING WILL BE AT NOON AT THE HOME OF JOYCE LUJAN, THE PENINSULA, BUILDING NO. 1, ON MAY 3. A light lunch will be served.

Respectfully submitted, Shirley Wehrs, Vestry Clerk

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