

A vestry meeting was held at the home of Fr. Jack+ on December 8, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Vestry present were: Fr. Jack+, Janet Hoffman, Jennifer Birchall-Creighton, Fernando Sandoval, which constituted a quorum. Absent were: Mark LeGeros, Joyce Lujan, Ralph Osborne, and Dana Faris. Also present was Shirley Wehrs, vestry clerk. Fr. Jack+ opened the meeting with prayer, and welcomed everyone back who had arrived. The group also prayed for those persons needing healing: Don Bailey, Jerry Wilson, Dana, Randy Scott, and Janet's Uncle and Aunt.

1. **Minutes** of the meeting May 3, 2016 were approved as submitted and will be submitted to Curt for inclusion on the web page.
2. **Deed** - Fr. Jack+ reported that he had received a call from the attorney, and the process of Regularizing the Deed on the front property had begun. The Government had taken over the Ejido board, and Fr. Jack+ will sign the necessary papers today to begin the process. It will start with checking the title which could take a couple of weeks.
3. **Moving** from chapel to palapa - Fr. Jack+ reported that the church is now back and ready in the palapa. Janet and George paid for some workers to help, Alfredo our sextant and Fer also assisted. Fr. Jack+ said that usually it was he, Shirley and Bill Smith that did all the work, and he was glad he just had to supervise.
4. **Fr. Michael+** - it was reported that he was presently undergoing a certification process for two potential new positions, one in Texas, and one in Florida. Fr. Michael+ had stated that these were part time and would not interfere with his duties during the summer at Christ Church. Fr. Jack+ has been in discussion and e-mail with some other priests interested in supplying and using the apartment. Judith does a good job when Fr. Michael+ is away, Fr. Jack+ sends her a sermon to read. Questions were raised about the people reading the Lessons during the summer, j and it was decided to discuss this with Fr. Michael+ when he returns.
5. **Burglary** - the apartment was burglarized and the TV, DVD player, an iron and blender were stolen. The thief had placed more items on the table to come back for, but apparently Fer and Sol had arrived between their visits. The police were called. Fr. Jack+ said he would look into replacing the items, again stating how important to properly lock up the church. It was voted to have our sextant, Alfredo, open and close the church each Sunday during the summer at a fee of \$200 pesos. It was ratified to approve the cost that Fer incurred from the collection to fix the damage to the bathroom wall, the locks, and the front door.
6. **Advertising** - Janet will look into adding our church services in The Mirror at no charge in the Coming Events page. She will also check out a price for a six month ad for the church. Fr. Jack+ was approached by Mike Wise from ExPats, Vallarta to put an ad in their newsletter. It would run on a recurring basis to all members, and they would track how many "hits" were received. They would run a news article twice a month. This would be at a cost of 2,000 pesos per month. A vote was taken to try this for six months, Janet voting NO as she felt we didn't have enough money for this additional expense. The motion carried and Fr. Jack+ would write the articles.
7. **Financial** - Fr. Jack+ handed out a P & L, and said that we have a shortfall from Jan-Dec. of approximately \$4,800 US. We started out the year with \$6,300.00 in January, He said we need pledges, and Janet volunteered to send out a pledge letter soon. Christmas offering should be good.
8. **Our social chair**, Joyce, was absent but coming events were discussed: Jan. 4th the Rosca de Reyes at the schools, starting at church at 8:30 a.m.; January 12 our first Burgers, Beer & Bingo, 5:00 p.m., 200 pesos, plus drinks and bingo cards. No tickets sold at the door. Janet said some people had asked her about a Christmas Day service, but Fr. Jack+ said there would be no way, as we would need

set up, music, take down and closing of church. He didn't want to split Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

9. **Vestry nominations** - Fr.Jack+ reported that Don Bailey had offered to rejoin the vestry after his one-year off.
It was unanimous to place him on the ballot, replacing the outgoing Mark LeGeros. Qualified candidates will still be accepted from the floor at the Annual Meeting, date to be determined.
10. Janet suggested having the **Sunday Bulletin** printed, including the total service. She said she had people who would defray the costs. After much discussion, Fr.Jack+ said he would think about it and get back to her.
11. **Vestry meeting** - with so many people having a busy schedule, it was decided to fix a certain day of each month for the meetings. Next vestry meeting will be Thursday, January 12, 2017 at the home of Jennifer & John Creighton, Tres Mares, #19-4 at 10:00 a.m. A discussion will be had at the next vestry meeting of a date each month acceptable to the majority of the vestry.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Wehrs, Vestry Clerk

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