

CHRIST CHURCH BY THE SEA VESTRY MEETING JANUARY 14, 2018

In attendance were: Janet Hofman, Fr. Michael Schirmacher, Ralph Osborne, Dana Faris, George Fulton, Jennifer Birchall-Creighton.

Absent: Fr. Bob Webster, Joyce Lujan.

Prayer was offered by Fr. Michael.

MINUTES

Jennifer Birchall-Creighton, Acting Recording Secretary presented the minutes of the December 10, 2017 Vestry Meeting.

Dana **moved**, seconded by Janet that the minutes as presented be adopted. Passed

Jennifer Birchall-Creighton, Acting Recording Secretary presented the minutes of the January 2, 2018 Vestry Meeting.

George **moved**, seconded by Janet that the minutes be adopted as presented. Passed. Jennifer is to email the minutes to Curt for posting on the Web Site.

JACK'S NEWSLETTER

A discussion was held regarding the newsletter put out by Jack Wehr.

Janet had a very long telephone conversation with Bishop Leno who advised that he had not sent any letter to Jack Wehr. Janet suggested that members of Vestry should meet with the Standing Committee. Bishop Leno felt that this could be helpful. George felt that if any meeting be held with the Standing Committee that a Diocesan Attorney be present, especially if Jack Wehr was to be present. Vestry will respond at the time a request comes from the Diocese to meet with the Standing Committee and a decision will be made regarding Vestry attendees at that time.

Vestry wants to be assured that the new location of CCBTS is in full compliance with the Government.

Ralph **moved**, seconded by Janet that a letter be sent to the Standing Committee regarding our new location and that they can assure us that we are in full compliance with the Government.

Passed. Fr. Michael to write letter with Dana translating

GRANT FUNDING TO CHURCH

Fr. Michael brought to the attention of Vestry that there are grant monies available for transitioning parishes especially for those in South America from the National Church. There are also small grant funds available for a group of visiting seminarians to have cultural immersion experiences. Fr. Michael is to make contact with Andrew Hybl and request the two page application for CCBTS.

BUDGET

Dana, Chair of the Budget Committee presented a proposed budget. While it will be a struggle to obtain enough funding for the church yearly expenses through offerings and pledges, there is room to reduce expenses through smaller ads during the summer months. It was noted that there are pledges coming in.

Ralph **moved**, seconded by George that the budget be adopted as presented with the “salary for priest” be expanded to “salary for priest in charge”. Figure for same to be revisited by Vestry. Passed.

VESTRY COMMITTEES

Liturgical Committee: Dana Faris, Chair, Fr. Michael, Fr. Bob, George, Judith with an invitation to Alex to join.

Budget Committee: Dana Faris, Chair, Ralph Osborne, Jennifer Birchall-Creighton

Property Committee: George Fulton, Chair, invitation to Sol

Hospitality Committee: Sudi invited to chair. (greeters, sign in, after service reception)

Social Outreach: MaryLou Murray invited to Chair

Jennifer suggested that a list of Vestry Committees be made available at the AGM and invite interested parishioners to volunteer participation and lend their expertise.

VESTRY NOMINATIONS

Fr. Michael indicated he had asked two parishioners if they wished to be more involved with the Church as they have been extremely forthcoming. We have 6 current members and Fr. Michael is to ask them to chair on 2 Vestry Committees with a view to participating as Vestry Members as vacancies occur.

Janet indicated that given the circumstances involving the need to move our location, that the current members remain on Vestry.

Dana **moved**, seconded by Janet that the current Vestry members be presented for ratification at the AGM. Passed.

GIFTING POLICY

Fr. Michael felt that there should be a “Gifting Policy for CCBTS”. We need a policy to determine how gifts, monetary and others, are received etc. Research is to be done on how other Churches handle gifting donations.

AGENDA FOR AGM

Agenda items for the upcoming AGM were suggested:

Vestry Committees, possibility of grant funding availability, Seminarian visitors etc.; status of where we are today - Ralph

Update on the physical aspects of the Church, Vallarta Missions - George; Budget - Dana; Vestry Nominations - Janet Hoffman, Dana Faris, Joyce Lujan, Ralph Osborne, Jennifer Birchall-Creighton, George Fulton; Special Meeting of Congregation to be scheduled in April before the incoming Bishop’s consecration.

OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion regarding the payment of the Diocesan pledge. Fr. Michael is to ascertain the correct procedure on how to make the payment for the Diocesan payment.

VESTRY MEETING: February 18,2018 after Service.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: February 14, 2018, 5:00 p.m.

CLOSING PRAYER - Fr. Michael.

ADJOURNMENT - Janet **moved**, seconded by Jennifer to adjourn Passed.
Meeting adjourned 1:10 p.m.