

VESTRY MEETING FEBRUARY 18, 2018

A Vestry meeting was held following Church Services at Plaza Genovesa.

Vestry Members in attendance: Fr. Micheal Schirmacher, Janet Hoffman, George Fulton, Ralph Osborne, Dana Faris, Jennifer Birchall-Creighton. Janet Hoffman invited Allan Afleck to attend.

Absent: Joyce Lujan

Prayer was offered by Fr. Michael

Minutes: Janet moved, seconded by George that the minutes be approved as presented. Passed

Treasurer's Report: Dana Faris presented the Treasurer's report stating we are in good position and that Sunday offerings are good and increasing. With respect to advertising in the off season, it was decided to move to smaller ads to cut down on expenses. U.S. Charitable Donation status has been received. A further meeting is to be scheduled to meet with the lawyer regarding our status to set up bank accounts locally.

Property Report: George Fulton reported that following the window installation, that repainting had been completed where necessary. Further options are to be reviewed regarding the removal of the existing flooring to reveal the stone floor underneath with cost estimates. Discussion arose regarding insurance and that because there is a palapa roof, it is not possible to obtain insurance and it was decided not to pursue this further. Ralph raised the issue of complaints that the fans are too strong and it was proposed that they should be turned more to the ceiling than directly on the Congregation.

Liturgy Committee Report: Dana Paris reported on their meeting of February 1st. Stating that the inclusion of Spanish in the hymns and now in parts of the service has been met with great approval. Judith and Janet will be donating the Palms for Easter Sunday.

Fr. Michael's Report: Fr. Michael will be away until Easter Sunday. Fr. Bob is expected to be back from his hip surgery, February 28th. Head of the Standing Committee had encouraged him to meet with Fr. Jack to try to reconcile their differences. He, and Allan Afleck arranged to meet with Fr. Jack and Shirley. He proposed a letter to be signed by them both but Fr. Jack declined.

Release of Document Prepared for Standing Committee: Requests from members of Congregation have been received who need to know what has been happening between the two Christ Churches and discussion evolved whether or not to release the Document. It was decided that a brief outline was to be prepared for inclusion on the Web page. Fr. Michael was to prepare an outline for Vestry Members comments.

Guest Book Register and follow up Communication: A thank you letter is being sent to new visiting members via Curt Hahn who is maintaining a contact list. Curt has asked to have someone do follow-up responses to communications he receives. Fr. Michael has agreed to do the follow-up response.

Report on Grant Funding: Janet reported on a conversation with Rev. Beckett that given the National Church gives grants to Episcopal Parishes, and given we are under Mexico, an Anglican Parish, a letter may be required from the Bishop supporting our application for a grant.

Committee Appointments: The following Committee and Membership were proposed: Search Committee: Char, George, Sol and Allan; Property: George, Sol John Schmaelzle; Liturgy: Dana, Fr. Michael, Fr. Bob, Judith, George, Alex; Budget: Dana, Ralph, Jennifer; Hospitality/Greeters: Berry, Sol Sudie; Outreach: Dennis Rike, Marylou, Fr. Michael.

New Business: It is advisable to have a Long Range Planning outline for Christ Church by the Sea. A background towards planning is to have a questionnaire prepared for the Congregation to complete via email, with a 2 week deadline for return as well as for completion after/during a Church service. Allan proposed that included in the goals should outreach, mission statement and some form of Christian Education.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Michael led the Committee in a closing prayer.

Adjournment: Janet moved, seconded by Dana, that the meeting be adjourned. Passed.