

Minutes
Christ Church by the Sea (Plaza Genovesa)
Sunday, 9 April 2018 - after 10 AM service

Attending: Janet Hoffman (Sr. Warden); Joyce Lujan; Dana Faris; Ralph Osborne; Michael Schirmacher; Bob Webster.

Absent: George Fulton (Jr. Warden); Jennifer Birchall-Creighton.
Minutes taken and submitted by Michael Schirmacher.

1. Opening Prayer - Fr. Schirmacher led us in Collect "13. For a Church Convention"
2. Financial Report - Dana Faris presented the financial report January 1 - March 31. After a brief discussion, the financial report was accepted as presented.
3. Need for someone to open and close church when George is unavailable, rotation? **Fr. Michael and Sol agreed to be responsible for opening the church when George is unavailable.**
4. Who will be available Sept. 1 when we need to open negotiations for a new 3-year lease? Inquire about secondary space. **Ralph and Dana agreed to talk to George Fulton and Plaza Genovesa staff** about when lease will expire and possibility of renting new place in addition to our current "sacristy/office". We prefer to let our current sacristy/office lease expire, would like to rent the new space in advance on a month-to-month basis until November, when we could arrange 3-year leases for both the palapa and the new space. Janet wondered if there was any possibility of plumbing in the new space to provide for a lavatory.
5. Discuss rotating the Crucifer. This item was referred to the Liturgy Committee. At today's service Cynthia Fox was recruited and briefly trained to be Crucifer.
6. Sign-up sheet for readers, greeters, food. Consensus was that it's a good idea. **Michael agreed to provide form from last summer.**
7. Up-date on Synod:
Michael foresaw 4 possibilities that could emerge from this week's Synod deliberations:
 1. That we would be accepted as Christ Church by the Sea parish.
 2. That the airport congregation would be recognized as Christ Church by the Sea parish.
 3. That we would be welcomed as a new "organized mission" with a different name.
or
 4. (Hopefully a slim possibility, if a possibility at all) That we would not be recognized by the Diocese as a congregation.Just the day before, we had received news of a new plan devised by the Standing Committee:

a. Friday morning before Bp. Ricardo's consecration, both groups of Christ Church by the Sea delegates would be seated at Roll Call.

b. Friday evening a 6-member commission (3 members of the Committee on Canons plus Winston Welty, Raul Flores, and one other member) would meet with Bp. Ricardo to decide a resolution for the current situation of two Christ Church by the Sea parishes in Puerto Vallarta. It was the clear consensus of the vestry that should we fail to gain what we hope, we will be gracious losers. We will make any appeals following Synod. If we do gain what we want, we will be gracious winners.

Michael had been revising our website history, adding evidence to provide Commission Members. However, as honorary member of the vestry Luis Marquez (Christ Church, Mexico City) had just written Bishop Ricardo about the Mexican government's views on Christ Church by the Sea's history and use of its name, and had forwarded him Dana Faris' 'chronology' of our situation, it was ultimately decided that an additional report would be unnecessary. **Dana Faris will forward Mr. Marquez' e-mail to members of the Commission, with copies to members of the Standing Committee.**

As Mr. Marquez' letter mentioned the possibility, if necessary, of an appeal to the Mexican government, Janet Hoffman volunteered to travel to Mexico City for such a process. Joyce Lujan also volunteered if her work schedule permits. Michael read to us a paragraph about our situation from the Comite Permanente's report to Synod. The paragraph noted that 2 members of the committee had raised questions about our congregation's following of the canons.

Clerical Delegates Bob Webster and Michael Schirmacher, along with Lay Delegates Janet Hoffman, Dana Faris, and George Fulton are reminded to send in their registration online as soon as possible, and to remember to bring their signed registration forms to Synod Friday morning.

8. Request for Ambry to store consecrated wine and host. Approx. cost \$250 US. After a brief discussion of the spelling and etymology of "aumbry/ambry", **the vestry approved \$250 for George Fulton to arrange the design and building of this important furnishing. A member offered to donate the amount.**

9. Request for reimbursement for paper and ink for summer bulletins. **The vestry unanimously decided that Judith St. Gaudens be reimbursed appropriately for her weekly printing of the bulletins.**

10. Discuss offering light lunch 1st Sunday each month. This item was inspired by the joyful light luncheon following our Easter Sunday service. (75 attended the service and 50 stayed for the lunch.) This item was tabled until the October or November vestry meeting.

11. Adriana is a nurse - should fulfill our requirement for the city. We had heard that another church was having members trained for health and safety issues that could

arise in church. We do not at this point know the requirements of the government. However, Adriana has agreed to serve as Parish Nurse, as needed. **We are asking George Fulton to check with the city government about what is required.**

12. Executive Session - It was decided that the vestry need not go into executive session to inform Fr. Webster of \$.... offered as a token of appreciation for his services this year. Fr. Michael also expressed deep appreciation for the \$.... given him earlier by the vestry.

13. New Items: Fr. Michael asked if the vestry's offer for him to become priest-in-charge still stood. If so, contingent upon the Synod's decisions the next week, Michael would like to accept the volunteer position, at least for a six-month period. By that time, we hope that Fr. Bob will return for 2+ years residence in Puerto Vallarta and/or the Search Committee may have found a new Rector.

It was moved, seconded and voted that Michael be appointed "Priest-in-Charge Elect". Michael will work on developing a position description for the vestry's approval and reminded us that all this will be contingent on Diocesan approval.

14. Search Committee - Following the initiative of the Search Committee in developing a parish profile, a parish survey was circulated, and congregants were asked to complete the brief survey this morning. **Joyce Lujan and Janet Hoffman will soon collate responses and report them.** The vestry also discussed the draft Mission Statement provided by the Search Committee. **Fr. Bob and Fr. Michael will meet this week to discuss possible revisions.**

15. CDSP Project - Fr. Schirmacher reminded the vestry of the Church Divinity School of the Pacific's mention of possible "cultural immersion" weeks in Puerto Vallarta beginning as early as this January. **Fr. Schirmacher said he will contact Dean Andrew Hybl after Synod about the feasibility of this project.**

16. Closing Prayer was offered by Fr. Webster, and the vestry meeting adjourned.