

Vestry Meeting

March 31, 2019

Present: Janet Hoffman, Dana Faris, John Schmaezle, Robert Douglas, Judith St. Gaudens, Adriana de la Cruz, Father Bob Webster, Marylou Murray (minutes)

1. Opening Prayer

Father Bob

2. Minutes from February 24, 2019

Moved by John, Seconded by Judith

That the minutes be approved.

3. Matters Arising

a. back up to committees

Social Committee - Adriana assumed responsibility for the second Sunday of each month

4. Committee Update

a. Social - A Vestry member will pay Berta for April and May. It is assumed that over the summer assistance is not needed.

b. Finance - Dana presented the January 1 to March 30, 2019 Statement. He noted that in the previous week we had sent \$12, 125 pesos, the offering from Father Bob's installation, to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

c. Outreach Committee - Security doors for the Escuela de Migrantes have been paid for by others. A member of the congregation has committed to paying for the stove. The kitchen area needs a fridge and a microwave.

Moved by Janet, Seconded by John

That we set aside \$18,240 pesos for kitchen appliances at the Escuela de Migrantes.

d. Long-Term Planning Committee

A vision statement was presented which was put together by Committee members following input from the break-out groups of March 10 and their responses to the survey questions.

Moved by Robert, Seconded by Dana

That the Committee revisit the statement, perhaps after Wednesday's Bible study meeting

e. Property Committee

It was noted that electricity in the Parish Hall is a priority. A meeting with Plaza management was scheduled the following day.

It was reported that George has requested bids on the floor.

Moved by Janet, Seconded by Robert

That 25 chairs be purchased for the Parish Hall.

e. Worship Committee

Our organist Jean-Guy will work for the reduced rate of \$600 a service in May, September and October. A Vestry member will donate to Vallarta Mission.

Jean-Guy will not be available in June, Jul and August. Patrick P. is available for all but 2 weeks of that period.

5. New Business

a. Parish Hall

Moved by Robert, Seconded by John

That we call the new rental space beside the Church the Parish Hall

A member of the Congregation has offered to pay for a sign. The sign will include the crest of the Diocese and our name.

b. Gay Pride parade

The parade is at the end of May.

Moved by Dana, Seconded by Robert

That we attend the parade wearing T-shirts that identify us as members of a welcoming church, Christ Church by the Sea.

c. Ad in Gay Guide

Moved by John, Seconded by Judith

That the Church have an ad in the Gay Guide.

d. Service in Tepic

Bishop Ricardo has expressed a wish that Father Bob accompany Trini Palomera on his once-a-month visits to the prayer station in Tepic to do Communion. This would likely not happen on a Sunday morning. If Bob were to do the sermon, he would need interpretation assistance. Adriana could possibly do this with enough notice. It was noted that there are expenses attached to this endeavour.

Moved by Janet, Seconded by Dana

To approve ongoing discussions about when visits by Father Bob to the prayer station in Tepic might happen, and with whom, the necessary funds to be made available.

e. Cursillo de Cristiandad

Father Bob reported that Bishop Ricardo has expressed an interest in an English-speaking Cursillo group, which involves 15 talks through the course of a three day residential weekend. The three days are based on the three days of the Easter weekend and involve a renewal of faith commitment. Bob will keep us informed.

f. Seminarian Support

There are four seminarians and Bishop Ricardo would like us to adopt one of them in their final year of seminary at a cost of \$1,500 pesos a month for living expenses. The money would be attributed to Outreach.

Moved by Dana, Seconded by John

That we adopt a seminarian for a period of one year, the \$18,000 pesos to come out of the outreach line in the budget.

g. Bishop's visit in November

The Bishop agreed when he was here for the Installation to return in November (possibly November 17). Gorge and Judith and Father Bob will meet to consider names that will be provided to the Bishop for lay Eucharistic Ministry licencing as the bestowal of licence will take place at that service.

The Bishop will stay over on the Monday to be able to visit the Escuela de Migrantes and bless the new kitchen. The blessing will be followed by a party. John and Judith to talk and report back for the Outreach Committee at the next Vestry meeting.

h. Envelope for giving

George has done work on a new pledge envelope. Bob suggested “pledge” be replaced by “estimate of giving”. Janet suggested a letter go out in September with the actual drive to happen in November. All further discussion and action was referred to the Finance Committee.

i. Escuela de Migrantes

Need for a new and improved bathroom as well as a census will be referred to Dennis. Everyone was given Dennis’s email address.

6. Motion to adjourn

Moved by Janet, Seconded by Robert

That the meeting be adjourned

7. Closing Prayer

Father Bob