

Christ Episcopal Church, Dearborn

Minutes of 'organizational' Vestry meeting (after Annual Meeting) – Sunday, January 28, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Carolyn Blackmore (Warden), Diana Brehob, Selia Danes, Barbara Hall, Dennis Kirchoff (Warden), Michael Mroczyk, James Thornton, Holly Schanz, Rev. Terri Pilarski, Nicholas Bell (Clerk)

Absent: Lynn Becker

Recording Secretary: Nicholas Bell

- Terri opened the meeting at 1.13pm. There was no agenda
- New Vestry members were congratulated and welcomed: Lynn Becker, Barb Hall, James Thornton (each to serve a three year term) and Holly Schanz (serving two years to complete the term started by Shirley Damps)
 - Lynn Becker was unable to attend due to a prior commitment and sends her apologies

Approval of minutes of January 20, 2018 Vestry meeting

- Michael made motion to approve the minutes of the January 20th Vestry meeting as emailed by Nick on January 27th. Dennis seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed with six members approving, none opposed and two abstentions

Officers of the Vestry – Terri Pilarski

- Both the Treasurer and Clerk have agreed to continue in their roles
- Dennis made a motion to re-appoint Kevin Green as Treasurer. Michael seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed with all Vestry members approving
- Dennis made a motion to re-appoint Nicholas Bell as Clerk. Diana seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed with all Vestry members approving
- The role of Vestry Recording Secretary is not a formal Vestry position and Nick is willing to continue to serve in that capacity for another year. Nick commented that he serves at the pleasure of the Rector and the Vestry
- Vestry has put in place a guideline for Warden continuity between years whereby, subject to Vestry approval, the Junior Warden becomes Senior Warden in her/his second year and a Junior Warden is appointed. Dennis Kirchoff is willing to serve as Junior Warden
- Selia made a motion to appoint Carolyn Blackmore as Senior Warden and Dennis Kirchoff as Junior Warden. Diana seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed with all Vestry members approving

Bank Account Signatories – Carolyn Blackmore

- Bank Account Signatories. As a matter of record, Carolyn Blackmore reported that that Daniel Pawa has now completed his term on Vestry and that his name will be removed as a bank signatory. Also that, as Junior Warden, Dennis Kirchoff will be added as a bank signatory

Next Meetings

- On Wednesday January 31st at 11am (and continuing over lunch), Terri will meet with new Vestry members for their orientation. Dennis will participate in this dialog, along with Barb, James, Holly and Lynn
- The Vestry Retreat will take place on the evening of Friday February 9th (6-9pm) and continuing on Saturday February 10th (9am-3pm). All members are requested to attend
- Next meeting Sunday February 18th at 12.30-2.30pm
- Holly asked about the protocol if a Vestry member is unavailable for a scheduled meeting. Terri clarified that is expected and understood that from time to time one or more Vestry members would not be able to attend (personal/family situation, travel, illness) and an apology for absence would be accepted and recorded in the minutes

New Business

Music Ministry Discernment at Christ Episcopal Church – Carolyn Blackmore

- As a result of Sean Jackman's resignation after fifteen years of service at Christ Episcopal Church, most recently as Music Director choir master and organist, there is a need to:
 - establish a process to discern and make recommendations about the future of music at our Church
 - plan worship music for the balance of 2018
- Carolyn made a motion that Vestry support Terri by establishing a Vestry advisory committee to make recommendations for music at Christ Church, that Diana and Selia jointly lead this committee with Terri, and that at least three non-choir Church members become active members of this advisory committee. Michael seconded the motion
 - Discussion:
 - A number of church members have voiced interest in joining this advisory committee. Terri, Diana and Selia will manage the size of the committee to ensure that it is manageable and effective
 - It will be important that the advisory committee communicate with church members about the work of this new committee and give opportunities for members to provide input and feedback
 - Terri explained that planning for music during worship is taking place through the reconvened Worship Planning Committee. Led by the Rector. Terri is working with Diana and Selia as well as other choir members. Other parishioners may be invited to contribute
 - Carolyn called the question and the motion passed with seven Vestry members approving, none against and one abstention

Adjournment

- Terri thanked both new and continuing Vestry members for their service and adjourned the meeting at 1:49pm

*Respectfully submitted by,
Nicholas Bell*

Next Vestry meeting: Sunday February 18 12.30-2.30pm

eMail Motion and Voting on minutes of short Vestry meeting held January 28, 2018

- On January 31, 2017 Dennis made an eMail motion to approve the minutes of the January 28th short Vestry meeting. Michael seconded the motion. Voting remained open until February 4th and the motion passed with all nine Vestry members approving

Action items carried forward:

Date	Action Item	Due Date	Resp. (name)
1/20/2018	Establish review / compensation committee	tbd	Carolyn (for wardens)
1/20/2018	Role of children's music director	tbd	Terri
1/20/2018	Discuss Bishop Gibbs request that CEC co-fund a curate for three years	tbd	Terri
1/28/2018	Update Vestry on membership of music advisory committee	2/18/2018	Diana