

Christ Episcopal Church, Dearborn

Minutes of 'organizational' Vestry meeting (after Annual Meeting) – Sunday, January 27, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Jean Angel, Lynn Becker, Nick Bell, Darrell Donakowski, Barbara Hall, Michael Mroczyk, James Thornton, Holly Schanz, Chris Ventura, Revd. Terri Pilarski, Mitch Yudasz

Absent: Revd. Halim Shukair

Recording Secretary: Nicholas Bell

- Terri opened the meeting at 12.52pm. There was no agenda
- New Vestry members were congratulated and welcomed: Jean Angel, Darrell Donakowski, Chris Ventura (each to serve a three-year term) and Nick Bell (serving one year to complete the term started by Dennis Kirchoff)
- Vestry retreat is the weekend of February 2-3, 2019; Friday: 6-9pm and Saturday: 8am-3pm
 - The purposes of the Retreat are to get to know each other and cover some Vestry '101' topics
 - The dates and times of monthly Vestry meetings in 2019 will be discussed at the Retreat. Terri will circulate alternatives ahead of time for advanced review
 - Nick is not able to participate in the Retreat for personal reasons and Terri will brief him ahead of time. Darrell will be absent for Saturday and Terri will get him caught up separately
- CECD Vestry members and Clergy will join the Diocese of Michigan 'Vestry Day' on February 23, 2019 (9am-4pm) at St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit

Approval of minutes of January 12, 2019 Vestry meeting

- Carolyn Blackmore made an email motion to approve the minutes of the January 12th Vestry meeting as emailed by Nick Bell on January 23rd. Diana seconded the motion and voting began by email and was completed during the 'Organizational' Vestry meeting on January 27th. There was no discussion and the motion passed with eight members approving and one abstention

Offices of the Vestry: Wardens, Treasurer, Clerk & Recording Secretary – Terri Pilarski

- Terri presented her recommendations for Vestry officers:
 - Kevin Green will continue as Treasurer
 - Lynn Becker, Junior Warden
 - Nick Bell, Senior Warden
 - Matt Sallman as Clerk of the Vestry
- A number of points were made in response to these recommendations
 - No objections to the individuals or abilities to fulfill for each role
 - Much important work is done outside Vestry meetings and the Wardens invest time and energy on those activities. Vestry, as a group, should spend time thinking about the Warden roles
 - Are there other candidates to consider?
 - It would be preferable to have time for reflection, dialog, discernment and consensus
 - It was recognized that for continuity and practical reasons, it is advantageous to have Vestry Officers approved and in place as soon as practical
 - The people who will be authorized to sign checks on behalf of the church are the Treasurer, the Wardens and Clerk
 - In future, it was agreed that Vestry will allocate time before each Annual Meeting to discuss these important Vestry Officer roles and consider candidates – starting in December 2019

- Michael made a motion to approve the slate of candidates recommended by Terri: Treasurer, Kevin Green, Senior Warden, Nick Bell; Junior Warden, Lynn Becker; Clerk, Matt Sallman. Barb Hall seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed with all nine Vestry members approving
- Terri congratulated the Vestry Officers on their appointments

Adjournment

- Terri adjourned the meeting at 1.13pm

*Respectfully submitted by,
Mitchell Yudasz*

***** Note *** Minutes were approved through online voting with yes for approval by Barb Hall, James Thornton, Michael Mroczyk, Chris Ventura, and Nicholas Bell.**

Next Vestry meetings:

Retreat Day 1: February 2, 6pm-9pm
Retreat Day 2: February 3, 8am-3pm

Action items carried forward from prior meetings:

Date	Action Item	Due Date	Resp. (name)
8/19/2018	Food pantry group to be invited to provide update, overview and recommendations	tbd	[Diana] Terri
9/23/2018	Establish effective Communications; commission?	tbd	[Dennis], Darrell?
1/12/2019	Establish Staff Review & Compensation committee	April 2019	Nick / Lynn
1/12/2019	Agree policy for use of Clergy Discretionary accounts	March 2019	Treasurer/Warden
1/27/2019	Dialog on Vestry Officers for next Vestry year	Dec 2019	Wardens