

St. Johns Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes/Steve Miller, Acting Clerk
Tuesday, January 24, 2017

In attendance: Father David, Lisa Alexander, Dixie Wilhite, Georgia Moen, Erik Evenson, Pamela Glennon, Patti Schaal, Chandra Witter, Marsha Meurette, Laura Martens, Steve Miller. Excused: Travis Jensen

1. Prayer...Father
2. Reminder...Focus on the Review of Financials
3. Minutes from December...Motion by Patti, second by Erik to accept. Unanimous.
4. February 5th Budget Summary. 2016/2017 Budget. There was a \$13,500 shortfall in 2016. This amount was replaced from the checking account. We lost pledge amounts that were anticipated. On February 5th, Father will spend time talking about 2016 accounts. This information will be presented and then there will be time for Q and A. One "good news item" is that we are gaining new members. "They are trying us out and staying."
5. Presentation and Approach to the Concept of Mission in the Community. Based on reports from last year and the year before, there is a great deal of energy to move forward with this mission. "This is the time to focus on others rather than ourselves." "We are using our location to go from introverted to extroverted." "This is a new place for us to give to others in a pastoral way." In the first year, the congregation needs to be brought into this. Then, we will be able to bring more people along. "There is a need within this mission to take care of others." "A strong sense of family is first and foremost."
6. The Chapel. The doors have been repaired and as of now, no schedule has been established. Discussion: What will the life of the chapel be? What about hours, purpose, and use for prayer and meditation. How do we reach the community? What is the source of our usage? What is the downside of "set hours?" Input: "Misuse could be seasonal." "People need rest."
7. Minister of Mission. (New position for 2017) See job description as part of overall presentation to members. See grant application for details on funding. The budget provides for the hiring of this position. This will be a three-year position with a yearly review.
8. Bishop's Visit. On Sunday, February 12th, the Bishop will be here for his annual visit. This will be unique as we will welcome a new family and commission the new mission position. After the service, there will be a special time for brunch and celebration. We will hear from the Bishop, Joe Thompson, Dixie, Father, and Erik.
9. Personnel Matter. Father would like input on "administrative assistant" training and support. Father will assess needs that need to be addressed. Most likely "some professional training" is in order. Steve will work with Father on contacting a professional resource.
10. Close with Prayer
11. Motion to Adjourn by Lisa with second by Dixie. Unanimous.

