

St. John's Episcopal Church  
Minutes for Vestry Meeting  
December 15, 2016  
6:30 p.m.

Present: Lisa Alexander, Erik Evenson, Dixie Wilhite, Steve Miller, Travis Jensen, Laura Martens, Marsha Meurette, Georgia Moen, and Father Klutterman.

Excused: Chandra Witter, Pamela Glennon, and Patti Schaal.

1. **Opening Prayer.** Father led us in prayer.
2. **Update on Chapel.** The chapel is not open as of 12.15.16. Contractor Larry Meyer will provide repair of the door upon receipt of period-correct hardware. Lengthy discussion of what direction we should take ensued. What direction shall we take with regard to re-opening and with regard to hours, etc.? Many members contributed to the discussion and it was universal that part of our mission to the community is to provide a place of prayer, worship, and refuge. The difficulty is in understanding that something “bad” could happen to the facility. We will continue with our mission to the community and will re-open the chapel when the timing appears to be “right.” What is it that we need to do to help those who are struggling and need help?
3. **Review of Small Group Meeting Summaries.** We will write a menu of things based on what was heard in the meetings. What is it that we offer? What will be on the menu?
4. **Working on 2017 Budget.** Lively input on the budget. Application will be made for a Stephens Grant to assist with the new mission position. The 2017 Budget Preparation Worksheet was discussed at length with a focus on line items. Minimal changes will happen based on the good planning so far. There has been a \$5000.00 gift to help offset the cost of the Missioner to Downtown position. That combined with the grant will help “cover” this cost. There was discussion about clergy compensation based on the Diocesan Office. All members were in agreement that Father's “salary package” should remain the same for 2017. Motion by Lisa, second by Eric to make our pledge to the Diocese \$20,880.00. Unanimous. Motion by Travis, second by Dixie to have housing allowance \$24,000.00. Unanimous.
5. **Next Meeting.** Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
6. **Motion to Adjourn.** Lisa, second by Dixie. Unanimous.

Submitted by Steve Miller