

Vestry Meeting
Church of the Transfiguration++Lake Saint Louis, Missouri
September 19, 2018

Present: Rev Lu-Anne Conner, Jim Furgason, Nicole Jones, Jennie Kelly, Chuck Laney, Rick MacIvor, Mari Moody, Kerry Quinlisk, Kathy Strautz, Judy Ducar, Carrie Mares, Jeanette Hollmann, Anne Wright, Mary Reed

Absent: Chad Elledge, Larry Hopen, Claire Reynolds

The vestry meeting was called to order at 5:53 pm.

Rev. Lu-Anne Conner opened the meeting by reading *Proper 6* from the *Book of Common Prayer* p. 230.

*Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love,
that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness,
and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. Amen*

Vestry scripture practice:

1. A General Thanksgiving from the *Book of Common Prayer* p. 836.

*Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have
done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole
creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life,
and for the mystery of love.*

*We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for
the loving care which surrounds us on every side.*

*We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best
efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy
and delight us.*

*We thank you also for those disappointments and failures
that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.*

*Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the
truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast
obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying,
through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life
again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.*

*Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and
make him known; and through him, at all times and in all
places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.*

Minutes - Carrie Mares

The August minutes were submitted to the vestry and delegates prior to the meeting. Jim Furgason made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Rick MacIvor seconded. The motion passed.

Resignation from vestry - Lu-Anne Conner

With regret, Rev Lu-Anne Conner accepted the resignation of Chad Elledge. Kerry Quinlisk seconded the motion to accept the resignation. The motion passed.

The vestry consulted the by-laws of the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration concerning filling a vacant position on the vestry. The vestry engaged in a general discussion weighing options to fill the position.

Kathy Strautz made a motion to fill the vacant vestry position at the next annual meeting. Mari Moody seconded. The motion passed.

Nominating committee - Lu-Anne Conner

The nominating committee will be formed at the October meeting. Members of the vestry will contemplate who is willing to serve on nominating committee and who from parish is willing to serve on the nominating committee.

Review of stewardship meeting - Jim Furgason

Jim Furgason shared the highlights of the stewardship meeting.

The theme of the stewardship campaign is: Of God's gift to us, return a portion to God.

Stewardship is an opportunity to repay the gifts God gives.

The stewardship campaign will emphasize commitment to our church family. We will also take this season to examine our personal giving.

The vestry engaged in a general discussion concerning presenting personal stewardship stories to the congregation.

- a. the final ingathering date will November 18, 2018
- b. schedule for vestry stewardship speakers
 - September 30 - Jim Furgason, both services
 - October 7 - Mari Moody, both services
 - October 14 - Nicole Jones, both services
 - October 21 - Kathy Strautz, both services
 - October 28 - Jennie Kelly, both services
 - November 4 - Lu-Anne Conner, both services
 - November 11 - Kerry Quinlisk, both services
 - November 18 - Rick MacIvor, 8:00 am service
 - Chuck Laney, 10:15 service
- c. Chuck Laney will continue putting the "do you know" facts in the bulletin
- d. Pledge cards - Judy Ducar has a pdf from last year which will be updated. The vestry had a general discussion concerning changes to the document. Psalm 28:7 *With my gift I shall thank God.* was considered as a possible verse for for the pledge card. Pledge cards will be mailed with the quarterly statements.
- e. Heather will create stewardship bulletin board
- f. Mari Moody will write a stewardship notice for the October newsletter.

Treasurer's report - Judy Ducar

Chuck Laney made a motion to accept the August treasurer's report with correction. The motion passed.

- a. allocation of outreach funding - the vestry discussed disbursement of \$2,500 from the general budget
Jim Furgason made a motion to allocate \$500 for hurricane relief to Episcopal Relief and Disaster., \$1,500 to the Laundry Love, and \$300 to Patriot Packages.
Nicole Jones seconded. The motion passed.
- b. consolidation of fund balances
Judy Ducar proposed consolidating some fund balances. Following a discussion, it was decided Judy will email suggestions for the vestry to review. The vestry will vote at the next meeting.

Concerns discussed by the vestry

- a. use only the church office number on Facebook
- b. the need for a new church directory
- c. training refresher for lay ministers

Program and Planning - Rev. Lu-Anne and Jennie Kelly

A survey will be given to "take the pulse of the congregation." Listening sessions will be scheduled to give parishioners an opportunity offer suggestions.

A set of questions will be written and brought to the next vestry meeting.

Property report - Chuck Laney

- carpets will be cleaned September 20, 2018
- there is a bid to clean downstairs floors for \$1,600
- outside lights to be repaired - the cost will be \$250

Gift policy

The gift acceptance policy will be sent to the finance committee for recommendation to vestry.

The vestry meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

The next vestry meeting will be Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie McEachern-Mares
Vestry clerk