

**Vestry Meeting**  
**Church of the Transfiguration++Lake Saint Louis, Missouri**  
**January 16, 2019**

**Present:** Rev Lu-Anne Conner, Jim Furgason, Nicole Jones, Jennie Kelly, Mari Moody, Kerry Quinlisk, Mary Reed, Judy Ducar, Carrie Mares, Larry Hopen, Jeanette Hollmann, Anne Wright

**Absent:** Claire Reynolds, Kathy Strautz, Chuck Laney, Rick MacIvor

**The vestry meeting was called to order at 5:56 pm.**

**Opening prayer**

*Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Vestry scripture practice 1 Corinthians 12:4-11. RSV**

*4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;  
5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;  
6 and there are varieties of working,  
but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one.  
7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.  
8 To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom,  
and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,  
9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,  
10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy,  
to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues,  
to another the interpretation of tongues.  
11 All these are inspired by one and the same Spirit,  
who apportions to each one individually  
as he wills.*

**Minutes - Carrie Mares**

The December minutes were submitted to the vestry and delegates prior to the meeting.

Jim Furgason made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Nicole Jones seconded.

The motion passed.

**Treasurer - Judy Ducar**

The December treasurer's report was submitted to the vestry and delegates prior to the meeting.

- The treasurer noted the increase in office expenses due to the increase in the church computer expenses.

- A mortgage payment overage was noted. The cause will be investigated and reported to the vestry.

Jim Furgason made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Mari Moody seconded. The motion passed.

**a. Final stewardship figures :**

To date 79 pledges have been returned. The pledges total \$200,426

- 42 pledges increased from the previous year, 10 decreased, 17 remained the same
- there were 10 pledging units added and 10 pledging units lost
- 5 pledge card have not been returned

**b. Report from finance committee meeting of Jan 3 and Jan 10**

The finance committee met on January 3 with the insurance representative for the church.

- The insurance coverage for the church building is sufficient. The committee is reviewing the current coverage for the rectory.
- In addition, the church is entitled to a \$1,300 deduction in insurance premiums because the building has a sprinkler system.

**c. Presentation and adoption of 2019 budget - as recommended by the finance committee**

Judy Ducar, the treasurer, reviewed the proposed budget with the vestry. The budget for 2019 contains a \$7,815 deficit.

The vestry reviewed a letter dated January 15, 2019 from the finance committee which recommended adoption of the budget as presented. The vestry also reviewed an information sheet from the rector dated January 12, 2019, titled "The Episcopal Church Lay Employees' Defined Contribution Retirement Plan" which explained the lay pension benefits for the Music Director and Parish Administrator.

There was a general discussion concerning the parish budget.

The vestry will present the letter from the finance committee to the parish. During the annual meeting, the vestry will highlight to the parish our current financial state.

Jim Furgason made a motion to approve the 2019 Budget as presented and to present the budget to the congregation highlighting the shortfall. Kerry Quinlisk seconded. The motion passed.

**d. Recommendation for fund transfer**

There is a \$11,144 surplus in the 2018 budget.

The music director has requested an increase in the special music fund. Judy Ducar requested a transfer of \$1,000 to the special music fund.

Judy Ducar also requested a transfer of \$2,000 to the maintenance reserve fund.

Kerry Quinlisk made a motion to transfer \$1,000 to the special music fund and \$2,000 to the maintenance reserve fund. Mari Moody seconded. The motion passed.

The letter from the finance committee will be copied for the parish.

**Presentation on behalf of columbarium committee - Ron Howden**

**a. Funding request**

Ron Howden presented an update and proposal to the vestry concerning a columbarium for the church. The columbarium committee was requested \$2,900 in funding to proceed with a detailed architectural design. It is recommended that funds be temporarily allocated from the General Memorial Fund.

The columbarium committee will continue to develop the plan the columbarium. The goal is for the final proposal to be self-funded and revenue neutral to church finances.

Jim Furgason made a motion to allocate \$2,900 from the General Memorial Fund to the columbarium committee in order to proceed with the architectural design. Jennie Kelly seconded. The motion passed.

**Property report - Chuck Laney**

Chuck Laney will head the memorial garden committee.

Ron Howden and Chuck Laney will continue to assist whomever is junior warden next year.

**House of Worship safety and security - Rev. Lu-Anne**

Rev Lu-Anne and Heather are still researching options to monitor the outside doors. Until such time as security in place the outside doors will remain locked at all times.

For better security during the service, a suggestion was made for the lay minister of the day to monitor the church building from the narthex rather than the nave.

**Annual meeting**

The annual meeting will be January 27, 2019 immediately following the 9:00 am service.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.**

**The next meeting will be February 20, 2019 at 6:00 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie McEachern Mares  
Vestry Clerk