

## Vestry Meeting April 16, 2013

All members present except for Mark Campbell and Mike Salisbury.

Clerk of Vestry absent.

Treasurer absent.

Minutes taken by Senior Warden, Susan Cox.

The meeting opened as usual with prayer and Bible Study led by Mother LaRae. The vestry then approved the minutes from March unanimously after a motion by Bill Hoekwater, seconded by Mike McCrohan, as well as the expenditures for work done on the South Building which we endorsed by vote taken by electronic mail.

Mike Salisbury is resigning from the Vestry. Mike and Molly have bought a farm in Wisconsin and Mike will be spending much more time there. He will remain on the Endowment Committee. The vestry general discussed the need to have a member of the congregation who is willing to work on Buildings and Grounds join the vestry to fill the remaining seven months on Mike's term as this work is falling disproportionately on our junior warden.

The vestry next discussed a motion which the finance committee recommended regarding restricted gifts. The motion, which was made by Susan Cox and seconded by Mike McCrohan, is that the vestry will always accept restricted gifts toward budgeted items, but that any gift which is for a non-budgeted item is subject to vestry approval. After a discussion, this motion passed with one abstention.

Susan Cox presented the financial report in lieu of Linda Brongel who is on vacation. Linda will have a financial statement ready for the next vestry meeting. She and Jackie Roth are working hard to transition to Church Windows and electronic recording of our income and expenses. The good news is that giving is running close to \$10,000 above budget, but this is in part due to pre-paid pledges.

Susan in her Senior Warden report stressed the need for all vestry members to calendar and publicize their events in the e-news, bulletin and web-site. At next month's meeting, we will calendar our first quarter events so that this calendar can be presented to the parish at the beginning of the next school year. Susan Aldridge is in charge of maintaining the church calendar and placing items in the bulletin. Cliff Egel (e-news) and Jim Beyer (website and Facebook administrator) both use the dropbox [Emmanuelnews203@yahoo.com](mailto:Emmanuelnews203@yahoo.com). Susan also asked our Christian Education coordinators to try and determine who our Confirmation class members will be next year. Lastly, a letter will be sent from LaRae, Barbara Schwartz and Susan to all Youth Group eligible students before the end of the school year about their interest for next year's Youth Group.

Bill Hoekwater in his Junior Warden report moved the vestry to change the by-laws for the David E. Weaver IV Endowment Trust Fund for vestry approval of the Committee's recommended disbursement to two-thirds of the vestry to reflect the smaller size of the vestry since the Trust documents were drafted. **[Bill: you need to have the document re-typed to**

**reflect this change—let me know if you need help with this....but if we don't substitute the document now, we'll forget about it by next year!)** Jamie Workman seconded this motion and it passed unanimously. Bill also made a motion to take up a special collection to support the Elizabeth Rimkus Scholarship at Nazareth Academy, but that motion was tabled until next month.

We then discussed the status of the South Building Renovation and whether we should attempt to replace the floor in Deadman Hall which also has asbestos tile. Most vestry members agreed that this would depend on the cost. Mike McCrohan noted that we have more pressing problems in our physical plant than the Deadman floor and would not be in favor of going to the congregation for funds. This seemed to be the consensus, although the variable of cost and the possibility that the Memorial Committee could pay the cost over and above the insurance claim would make this option more attractive.

LaRae asked us to approve inviting Deacon Mary Jane (“MJ”) Lewis-Kirk to Emmanuel while she is serving as our interim rector. MJ will be ordained and is interested in interim ministry. She will be involved in pastoral care with our church. We all thought this could be a mutually beneficial relationship. Jamie Workman moved that we accept her as our deacon, Mike McCrohan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

All of our committees presented written reports except for Stewardship. **[NB to vestry members—if you are not already sending your reports to Susan Alridge for filing, please do so with your next report.]** David Shallow orally told the vestry that the letters to non-pledging members would go out this month.

Jamie Workman presented for Christian Education on the “soft space issue.” He has met with Vicki Garvey from the diocese and she recommended that this “soft space” be placed near the altar, close to where the pews are by the organ, so that the children can follow the service. This proposal obviously requires some renovation to the existing space. Jamie is going to present on this issue on Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM to the congregation and all vestry members are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

On Communications, Jim Beyer is working with parishioner Tony Enriquez on the telephone issue and will be presenting some options for us at our next meeting. He also will present us with an IT service provider for our consideration at the next vestry meeting. Mother LaRae is still not connected to the server.

For Outreach, Isabel Noth reported that St. Eulalia's loved the Easter baskets. Thanks to everyone, especially Jenn Vince, for helping here. Outreach is looking to schedule a barbeque at St. E's this summer where volunteers from our church will cook for St. E's families and socialize. Ann Hileman is working on a service project for the Caring Place, perhaps one which can involve our youth volunteers. Finally, Isabel and Marc O'Brien will be meeting to set a date for our race this fall.

Penny Longo reported for Parish Life. Parish Life is scheduling “First Friday Cards” again for May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Snacks are served, bring your own beverage. Plans are well underway for our

Cinco de Mayo festival--thanks Fidel for all of his help there. The event will be publicized. Penny also recommended that each vestry member take a month for coffee hour. We would be responsible for finding a volunteer for it or doing it ourselves. There are always coffee cakes in the freezer so this is not really a hardship for anyone. The vestry agreed that this is a good approach and Penny promised to send out a schedule.

LaRae suggested that Susan Aldrige, Parish Administrator, take some classes in Word and other Office functions to become more proficient. The vestry agreed to pay for this expense and LaRae stated that she would suggest that Susan do this over the summer when things slow down at church. LaRae also announced that Samantha Brenneman and Andy Doliff would serve as our new acolyte directors.

The vestry then went into executive session.