

Emmanuel Episcopal Church DRAFT Vestry Meeting Minutes, August 14, 2014

Minutes Accepted 9/16/2014

Present: (Alpha order, by first name)

A. Dolliff B. Hoekwater, B. Ekroth, C. Mottl, J. Workman, J. Enriquez, J. Beyer, L. Enright, P. Longo, R. Valenta, Pastor S. Gerow

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm. Pastor S. Gerow led a walking prayerful devotional throughout the church. "Thank you God for bringing us HERE." This was followed by Pastor S. Gerow leading the Litany for Mission of the Church and prayer for choosing a new priest from the Book of Common Prayer.

Bill Hoekwater called for new business to move to top of agenda.

Bill Hoekwater put for a motion to accept the search committee's candidate recommendation. This motion was seconded by Jen Enriquez.

Discussion of the motion ensued. Lisa Enright (as guest and representative of the search committee) indicated that it was the recommendation of the search committee that Rev. J. Eric Thompson be called as our new Priest-in-charge.

Lisa, as did Penny Longo, another member of the search committee, described attributes of Rev. Thompson, the process as to how Father Thompson came to be the choice of the committee and answered questions from various members of the vestry about Father Thompson. After all discussion, all nine present members of the vestry voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the search committee. Afterward, Father Thompson was to be contacted via telephone and formal written letter to be offered the position as priest-in-charge at Emmanuel Episcopal Church. It is anticipated that Father Thompson will be able to start with us this Fall exact date not known at this time.

Penny Longo formally thanked Lisa Enright for her hard work and leadership during the search process.

Jim Beyer put forth a formal motion thanking the entire search committee for their efforts.

Cindy Mottl seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously

Randy Valenta put forth a motion to request that a subset of the search committee continue on as transition / welcome team for Father Thompson and his family.

Cindy Mottl seconded this motion

Discussion of the particulars of the motion ensued, and was passed unanimously.

Bill Hoekwater put forth a motion to continue to support BEDS and their overnight support shelter from October 1st 2014 to May 15th, 2015.

Jim Beyer seconded this motion.

Very short discussion of the particulars of the motion ensued and the motion passed unanimously.

Bill Hoekwater put forth a motion to accept the June vestry meeting minutes with some minor changes.

Bob Ekroth seconded the motion.

Discussion of minor changes to the June vestry meeting minutes ensued. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee reports:

Building and grounds:

Bill Hoekwater indicated that B/G has used \$10,633.25 of \$13,200 budget. Jamie Workman indicated that other proposed projects (such as replacement of windows with glass block ~\$792 estimate) would need to be put on hold in order to reserve funding of forthcoming snow removal costs.

Stewardship

Cindy Mottl described a bit of her experience at the TENS stewardship campaign conference she attended.

“Walking the way 2014” stewardship campaign will kick off on October 5th and will end on November 9th, at which time members will turn in their pledge cards. The stewardship campaign will utilize materials and best practices made available at the conference and the Episcopal Network for Stewardship member resources page (Link: <http://www.tens.org/resources/member-resources/>).

Jen Enriquez put forth a motion that the vestry formally supports the stewardship committees’ “Walking the way 2014” stewardship campaign. Bill Hoekwater seconded this motion

Motion passed unanimously

A discussion of possibilities and issues with ACH / EFT withdrawals pledging and online donation occurred. Apparently the difficulty is on the receiving end in that it is difficult to track where monies coming in to our accounts are coming from. Chris Meyer will be contacted and asked to try to help us sort this out.

Online donation through the website is problematic due to PayPal not releasing funds in a timely manner to us. We need to move away from PayPal. Eva Campbell will be contacted and asked to help us change the web-based donation method.

Parish Life Committee report

Brat Trot 5K to benefit BEDS and Oktoberfest is September 3rd. Race begins 8:30a, Oktoberfest is 4:00-9:00pm.

Come! Run! (or walk, amble, mosey). All hands on deck! Sign up to volunteer to do SOMETHING (please) and have fun and imbibe fermented hops and other grains and enjoy the live music in the evening.

Posters and post cards are available to distribute and hand out to friends, neighbors and businesses in the community for display. Please help in publicizing this event.

Help is needed after church on August 17th to set up for the church garage sale. We still need more items; every little bit helps.

Jen Enriquez indicated that she is attempted to start some book clubs and exercise groups to meet at the church and in so doing, bring in young mothers and their families in to our church to let them know that we are here and welcoming. More on that to come.

Education committee:

Catechesis of the Good Shepard curriculum will no longer be used in the primary (age 3 to Kindergarten) classroom.

The Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burroughs is scheduled to come to Emmanuel on August 24th for adult ed. session. She will be speaking to us about being a healthy congregation, being effective in small groups. Pastor Susan Gerow will follow up to firm up date of visit.

Bill Hoekwater motioned to adjourn. Jim Beyer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Vestry executive session followed.

Respectfully submitted, James H. Workman