

St. Matthew Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2013

Present: Tom Peterson, Senior Warden, Terry Elofson, Junior Warden, Shirley Durgan, Sueann Goretti, Kate Gould, John Kennedy, Alex Ringstad, Kitty Walker, Jackie Whorton, Sandy Goretti, Clerk, Art Ladley, Treasurer, Father Kendall Haynes, Priest.

Call to order: Sr. Warden Tom Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Opening Prayers: Tom Peterson led the Vestry members in prayer.
2. Accuracy Review and Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the Vestry meeting of 4/02/2013 were approved.
3. Treasurer's Report: The 2012 annual audit is completed, signed and ready to be sent to the diocese.

Art read a letter from the diocese regarding our assessment. It was MSP that Art would respond in writing to the Diocese particularly paragraph two, which stated, "When you have been able to pay your present assessment for one full Calendar year the Budget and Finance Committee will entertain a letter inviting them to discuss the resolution of this matter in a more permanent manner.", by indicating that we have already been paying our assessment in full for the last 17 months.

Mortgage review: Tom asked Art to create a Task Force with three people to work on the mortgage with the Executive Committee for the August mortgage renegotiations.

Art is going to check on an app for online purchases at events. Terry was asked to talk to Dick Elofson about using the Smartphone app he has for swiping credit cards for the Ascension Day event.

Terry Elofson and Sandy Goretti were asked to get their signatures completed at Umpqua Bank.

4. Parish Life Committee Report:
Sunday school will ask for volunteers from the Vestry to help the Sunday school. This will enable the Vestry members to get to know the children, and the children to get to know the Vestry.
The adult education, "Bridging the Gap" will be starting a new lecture series on June 9.
5. Senior Warden Report: As of May 14, St. Matthew will have recycling pick-up. Containers will be available around the church for recyclable items.

We need two alternate delegates for the convention to be held November 8-9, 2013.

MSP: The Vestry of St. Matthew recommends The Reverend Kendall Haynes be nominated for Diocesan Council from the Rainier Regional Ministry.

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6. Junior Warden's Report: An Ascension Day dinner and dessert auction will be held May 9, 2013 at 5 pm followed by Eucharist at 7:00.

Pentecost, May 19 will be celebrated with a potluck and activities for the children.

7. Priests Report: Kendall suggested using a prayer guild to manage the prayer list. This would include using first and last names and time frame to cycle names on and off the list. Kendall will follow up with this project.

MSP to use money from the Memorial Fund put towards the purchase of a new flat panel media set-up. An anonymous donor provided 50% of the total cost.

8. Misc: John Kennedy suggested getting T-shirts or hats, with the St. Matthew logo, to wear at community events.

Terry was asked to make an announcement to the congregation about having a community cleanup and sale in August and solicit any comments from parishioners about their thoughts on such an activity.

The meeting ended at 9:45 pm.

The next Vestry meeting will be June 4 at 7 pm.

Submitted by Sandy Goretti