



**"Disciples of Jesus, Discipling in love"**  
**VESTRY MINUTES - May 22, 2018**

**Present:**

The Rev. Joseph Acanfora, Rector  
The Rev. Josh Kammerer, Assoc. Pastor  
Gayle Fischer, Senior Warden  
Luke Bonner  
Kerry Bremmer  
Bill Collins  
Andy Harris  
Judith Heisinger  
Daniel Klein  
Tamara Otten, Substitute Registrar  
Phil Rooney, Treasurer

Absent: Mary Edwards, Registrar

The May 22, 2018, meeting of the vestry of Church of the Apostles came to order at 7:29 P.M. with reading and an devotional discussion from Session 6 of our Stott Study guide "*Unity*," covering Ephesians 4:1-16, continuing from our last vestry meeting, when we covered *A New Ministry*.

- *Judith*: Anglican newsletter points to "developmental unity" which seems to look only at writing a check. Joe pointed out that there is disunity even within the Anglican church of Kenya where there are revisionist dioceses that train with the American Episcopal church. Josh pointed out that this type of controversy goes all the way back to Constantinople when the Nicene Creed was agreed upon.

- There was lively discussion with regard to John Stott's multi-fold perspectives on the nature of apostles and prophets.

"Truth becomes hard if not softened by love; love becomes soft if not strengthened by truth." (J. Stott, pg. 96)

Andy: "Forbearance means that the things that unite us are greater than the things that divide us."

Questions to prayerfully ponder as we thank God for the unity he makes available to the church:

- Consider how we, as the Vestry of Apostles exhibit the characteristics of Unity from Ephesians 4:1-6 (humbleness, gentleness, patience, forbearance, love)
- What have you done personally to maintain and develop unity in the vestry and in this church?



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Gayle: We do a good job of welcoming new vestry members, and our retreats focus on unity.

Kerry: I try to remember to wear my nametag.

Tamara: From time to time I've called people who are on my vestry prayer list to ask them how I can better pray for them.

- How do you feel challenged to grow in ways to use and develop your spiritual gifts to build unity in this vestry and this church?
  - o It can be difficult to reach out to others.
- Let us confess to him ways (each of us) have disrupted that unity and pray for him to build in each of us, humbleness, gentleness, patience, forbearance, love, as the foundational stones of unity under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

At this point, we entered into a time of prayer focused on the unity of the church.

**1. Finance update:**

Phil distributed updated financial summaries. Operating reserves will need to decrease due to funds that are needed for upcoming settlement on the building loan. However, reserves are currently calculated at about \$100,000 after settlement costs and accrued building costs.

We hope to bring on a new person who will be a youth leader and also lead the campus ministry.

Luke moved and Kerry seconded to approve Phil's updated budget together with an added \$10,000 allotted to youth minister for a 2019 total of \$327,009 salaries/benefits and a 2019 total operating systems budget of \$673,474. The motion passed unanimously.

Joe attended The Greenhouse Movement Annual Retreat in Chicago to recruit new leaders, and he drove with Katelyn and Andrew Burgess, who are coming on staff with Apostles Campus Church. They received training in Partner Development, which is a Biblically-based methodology for support-raising.

**2. Building update:**

We are still waiting for a permit, but the lender wants to settle on June 1.

**3. Further discussions on name/signage: Staff and vestry will continue this discussion at our next meeting.**

**4. Upcoming meetings: 6/26, 7/24, 8/28, 9/11**



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**Closing Prayer:** Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Adjournment:** Gayle moved to adjourn the meeting. Andy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m.