



“Disciples of Jesus, Discipling in love”

VESTRY Minutes- Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Attendees:

The Rev. Joseph Acanfora, Rector
Kerry Bremmer
Philip Chakram, Absent
Bill Collins, Absent
Mary Edwards, Registrar
Intercessor: Renee Carpenter

Gayle Fischer, Senior Warden
Andy Harris, Junior Warden
Stephen Klein
Phil Rooney, Treasurer
Tawnia Wheeler, Absent

Note: Four Vestry members were attending Search Committee interviews with Coadjutor candidates. The five Vestry members present gave us a quorum for our meeting.

The October 8, 2019, meeting of the vestry of Church of the Apostles came to order at 7:15 P.M. with opening prayer, singing, and a devotional discussion from 2 Corinthians 8:1-7.

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ² for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³ For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord,⁴ begging us earnestly for the favor^[b] of taking part in the relief of the saints— ⁵ and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.⁶ Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. ⁷ But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you see that you excel in this act of grace also.

1. **Discussion/questions/vote of Building Use Policy: Wedding Guideline:** Stephen Klein presented the final draft of the Wedding Guideline document. There was a brief discussion to clarify some points about the fee schedule for weddings and receptions.

Mary Edwards motioned to accept the Wedding Guideline as finalized by Stephen Klein. The motion was seconded by Kerry Bremmer and passed unanimously.

2. **Plans for Bishop John Guernsey’s visit.** Plans have been made for our bishop to visit the weekend of October 19-20. His time with us will begin at 4 P.M. with a tour of our new church building on Lee Highway. At 5 P.M., he will meet with our vestry, followed by a dinner at 6 P.M. with the vestry and staff spouses. We are planning to cater the dinner from Zoe’s, which we have used in the past for similar events.

On Sunday Bishop John will be with the Apostles congregation and lead the Eucharist service and preach at Willow Springs.



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3. **Plans for moving into our new building:** We are beginning to make plans for moving into our new facility during the week of November 11. We will need many volunteers to help with final cleaning and packing up and labeling items at the Pender office prior to the move. Moving will follow with setting up furniture, unpacking, and staging the various rooms. We are making plans to hold our Consecration Service with Bishop Guernsey on Saturday, November 23, 2019, at 5 P.M. Our first Sunday service will be on November 24th at 10:00 A.M. Prior to these services, we will have a few days of training and rehearsal to make sure the sound system is working properly and everyone is on board with the order of things.

4. **Other?** Joe told us that he has been asked to mentor a new deacon, Ryan Bettwy, in preparation for his ordination. Ryan received a Masters of Divinity from the Reformed Theological Seminary in Washington, DC, and has been worshiping at Restoration Anglican Church in North Arlington, VA, and more recently at Incarnation Anglican Church in South Arlington. He will begin to serve as a deacon with us in the very near future, working approximately 40 hours per month. Joe suggested a stipend of \$800/month would be appropriate. Ryan has been very active with youth at several churches and involved in the leadership of Young Life at Sydney Lanier Middle School. One of his primary responsibilities will be to work with our youth to help get that program back on track at Apostles. Stephen Klein opened up discussion about concern for where this money would be reprogrammed from for the remainder of this year and where funding would be designated from in 2020 for Ryan. The Finance Committee will be meeting next week and will iron out these issues.

Kerry Bremmer made a motion to approve the \$800/month stipend for Ryan, contingent upon the Finance Committee meeting next week. The motion was seconded by Andy Harris and passed unanimously.

Upcoming meetings for 2019: 10/22, 11/12, 12/10

The vestry meeting finished at 9:36 P.M. Stephen Klein motioned to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Gayle Fischer.