



"Disciples of Jesus, Discipling in love"

VESTRY Minutes- Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Attendees:

The Rev. Joseph Acanfora, Rector
Kerry Bremmer
Philip Chakram
Bill Collins
Mary Edwards, Registrar
Gayle Fischer, Senior Warden

Andy Harris, Junior Warden
Steven Klein
Mary Lockett
Phil Rooney, Treasurer
Tawnia Wheeler
Intercessor: Diedre DiGirolamo

The April 9, 2019, meeting of the vestry of Church of the Apostles came to order at 7:20 P.M. with opening prayer, singing, and a devotional discussion of Colossians 1:24-2:5 (Week 5 of the Colossians-Philemon Study Guide.

Key points of discussion:

- Christ's death on the cross is complete and sufficient; Christ presents us holy, Paul presents us mature. Paul came for the gentiles, Jesus for the Jews. The gospel spread in all directions to the gentiles through the disciples. "Now if we are children of God – then we are heirs, heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings, in order that we may also share in his glory." Rm 8:17
- How do you define the word "mystery?" It is a message that needs to be explained; unknown from man except by revelation. A mystery can be something that everyone knows. If you choose to look, you will see it. The Trinity is a mystery.

Christ in me is the certain ground for my salvation. For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Rm. 3:23. Hope is stored up for us in heaven. Hope is the anchor and Shekinah Glory that draws us and holds us to God.

Paul tirelessly proclaimed the truth. The gospel is for everyone. Inclusiveness of the gospel brings hope to people. The goal is to present everyone perfect in Christ. "Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." Philemon 3:10

- The goal of the struggle is knowledge of the mystery of Christ, and to be an encouragement to each other so that they will know the good teachers when they hear them because they will teach the same message as Paul. He struggles in prayer, and labors with the faithful in Colossae because he was connected relationally with them.
- Whatever the false teaching was, it did not require suffering, and it appeared to be an elite group. Thus, the false teaching would have kept some people out. In belief systems other than a true relationship with Jesus Christ there are those who are in and those who are out. Jesus is inclusive.



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1. **Finance and Building Update:** It was announced to the vestry that Gayle Fischer will be assisting Phil Rooney with some of the day-to-day Treasurer's duties.

Since this was the first vestry meeting for the new members, Phil went over the budget charts in more detail to explain the format and numbers. He presented our current Income and Expenses Report, and also reviewed the status of the construction loan from FVCbank.

2. **Treasurer's Update regarding Accounting employees:** Dianna DeMarr retired at the end of March. Her duties included handling the weekly offerings and organizing the schedule for church offering counters, processing church credit card statements, and inputting staff time sheets and submitting payroll. Pam Marsh will now be scheduling the offering counters, and Jenny Uehlinger will assume the other duties that were Dianna's.

3. **Vestry Sub-Committees:**

Finance Committee: Covers all facets of the budget, and meets with the Treasurer two to four times per year. We will need two more people to serve since Judith and Tamara are no longer on vestry. Steven Klein has volunteered to join the committee.

Facilities Committee: Duties of the committee will be to establish policies and procedures for the building's use, upkeep, maintenance, and continued development.

By-laws Committee: This committee is meeting to update the By-laws to be in sync with the Constitution and Canons of the Anglican Church in North America and the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic. The committee will next meet on April 22.

Calling Committee: This committee is to be called together as a clergy search sub-committee for an Associate Pastor with members from the vestry and other members from the congregation. Suggested members for this committee are Tawnia Wheeler, Phillip Chakram, Andrew Burgess, Bill Bremmer, Bill Collins, and Jack Colligan. They will be responsible for initially reviewing the candidate resumes, contacting their references, listening to their sermons, conducting phone interviews, narrowing down the list of candidates, and recommending a candidate to the vestry.

4. **Wardens Selections/Affirmations:** The rector, Joe Acanfora, chose Gayle Fischer to continue as the Sr. Warden with Vestry affirmation, and the Vestry chose Andy Harris to continue in his position as Jr. Warden with the rector's affirmation. Kerry Bremmer made a motion to accept these warden selections/affirmations, which Steven Klein seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



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5. The vestry reviewed a proposal from Creative Arts Pastor Chris Rothgeb to transition to a full-time position beginning in May. There was discussion among the vestry members and it was decided that while we want to hire an Associate Rector, at this time it seems more necessary and prudent to offer Chris a full-time position to ensure his continued work among us. Kerry Bremmer made a motion to hire Chris full-time, allocating money from the Youth/Campus Church Pastor line item to fund a pro-rated salary to Chris through the end of 2019. Tawnia Wheeler seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
6. Please fast and pray on Good Friday for the building project.

Upcoming meetings for 2019: 5/28, 6/25, 7/23, 8/13, 9/10, 10/8, 10/22, 11/12, 12/10

Adjournment: Philip Chakram moved to adjourn the meeting. Mary Lockett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.