



*"Disciples of Jesus, Discipling in love"*  
**VESTRY Minutes- March 28, 2017**

***Church of the Apostles glorifies God by celebrating the healing power of the Holy Spirit through prayer, praise and worship that overflows into community, living the joy of knowing Jesus as Lord and Savior.***

WE WILL BEGIN AT 7:15 PM

*Let us pray*

***O Lord God, heavenly Father you cannot be contained by space or time, yet you are pleased to dwell in the midst of your people, and have moved us to set apart a space in which we can come together to pray, worship and serve you and the people you love: Accept and bless the work before us in acquiring and building this space, that it may be brought to completion to honor the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God in all time and place. Amen***

All present: Tyler Aberle, John Stock, Jane Campbell, Mary Edwards, Gayle Fischer, Andy Harris, Judith Heisinger, Daniel Klein, Tamara Otten, Joseph Acanfora (Rector)

7:15 PM - Opening Prayer/Praise/Devotional discussion – Scripture: Matthew 14:24-36 – *Focusing on Jesus and not on the storm and waves*

- Prayerful discussion with testimonies of how Jesus has strengthened our faith in times of the storms of our personal life.
- Lessons for us as a Church:
  - Focus on Jesus and his call to us, not on the storm or our fears.
  - Satan will continue to attack and look to build fear in us.
  - Jesus sent them out into the storm, and built their faith stronger as a result (one was willing to step out of the boat).
  - As it relates to us and less resources, and empty chairs, we need to focus on the call of Jesus to us as his Church and the vision he has given us and not be distracted.
  - We can't pull this off, any more than Peter could walk on the water on his own. Jesus is essential.
  - Echoes of Gideon doing more with less that God would get the glory.
  - Echoes of The Valley of Dry Bones – "prophesy to the bones" – the word of God gives life even to the dead.

1. Introductions of all members – all members introduced themselves
2. Registrar/Sr. Warden, Jr Warden for this term – rector appointed and Vestry approved Tyler Aberle as Sr. Warden for this term. Jr Warden appointment to wait as is customary until May



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following Vestry retreat. Registrar to be appointed at April Meeting. (Acanfora to keep minutes for this meeting.)

3. Finance Update – Finance Committee – Updated on financial state. Giving to date behind budget by \$21,800, but close to even in terms of spending. 4 Banks interested in financing our building project. Our finance office continues to work with them as we are nearing receiving the bids on the project.
4. Building update – Bids due from contractors this Friday. Our architect will review the bids for compliance with specifications and price competitiveness. We are expecting bids from 5 contracting firms. Expecting approval on site plan and building in the coming month.
5. Holy Week Schedule – Maundy Thursday Agape Seder: 6:30 – get your RSVPs in, Good Friday 7:30, Easter Sunday with baptisms and confirmations at 10 AM all at Willow Springs. Mailer invitations going out this weekend to 1500 homes surrounding the school. We should duplicate a sign for Braddock Road with the mailer graphics.
6. What's in a name? Discussion on our vision.
7. Confirm upcoming Vestry meetings 2017: 4/25, 5/23, Retreat May 12-13.
8. Other – feedback – when do we begin a fellowship time following our Sunday service (coffee hour?) We are too quick to take down the chairs and dismantle the meeting room. Staff will work with volunteers on a solution.

**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.*