



**“Disciples of Jesus, Discipling in love.”
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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.

**Minutes of Vestry Meeting
September 27, 2016**

Clergy present: The Rev Joseph Acanfora

Vestry present Tyler Aberle, Terry French, Lynne Harris, Paul St Andre, John Stock, Tamara Otten, Judith Heisinger, Daniel Klein,

Vestry absent: Jane Campbell

Intercessors:

Administrator: Gary French

Finance: Phil Rooney

The meeting began with a time of praise and worship

1) **Review of Parish Meeting** – Specifically the move to Willow Spring School.

- Joe asked for Vestry’s thoughts regarding the Parish Meeting, held Sunday 25th September. Feedback from the congregation was thought to have been generally positive. Overall, though, Vestry felt that, for us, it came slightly out of left field. We had not been informed ahead of time that we were moving to Willow Springs or that it would be discussed at the Parish Meeting. Joe apologized and informed Vestry that he had thought he had let us know. In general it was felt that there was perhaps a problem of a lack of communication between the rector and the vestry in respect to this issue.
- Vestry attempted to make a motion to move to Willow Springs, but were told by Joe that there needs to be a discussion about it before we make a motion.
- Concerns raised by Vestry and some of the congregation are:
- There may be some people whom we might lose. (those unable to attend a morning service for example)
- That there was a sense of perceived urgency about the move.
- The concern regarding where we would hold a Christmas service (not known if Fairfax County would be able to provide a custodian for Christmas Day)
- Concern about letting Whole Word know about our intentions to leave.
- Concern about the differences that exist now between the morning and afternoon services (liturgical and worship styles): If we are going to have one service, how

would this be handled? There is an understanding that there would have to be compromises/blending.

- A discussion then ensued about the differences between worship styles and use of the liturgy between the 8.30 and 3.30 services.
- Tyler asked if Vestry was ready to move forward with agreeing to move from Vale Road to Willow Springs School.
- Tamara felt it needed to be noted that there was some confusion at the Parish Meeting as to who was going to make the decision and when. (Was it going to be the Rector, or Staff or Vestry or the congregation?)
- It was eventually decided, after much discussion that Joe would write a letter to Pitts Evans informing him of our intended move, and that Joe would write something for Apostles Newsletter giving the congregation a chance to respond and asking for opinion and involvement.
- Daniel Klein made a motion that Church of the Apostles Anglican should go forward and move into the Willow Springs Elementary School, which Terry French seconded. All voted in favor.
- The timing of the move to the school will be brought before the staff. Vestry will then discuss at the next meeting.

2) **Finance Report.** Joe said he feels pressure about letting foreign missionaries know about any financial cuts which might need to be made.

- Phil talked about how he and the Finance Committee are looking at cutting the missionaries budgets, and how this will affect said missionaries
- Vestry voted, with much sadness, under recommendation by Finance committee and our rector Joe Acanfora, to cut missionary funding. The Bremmers and Stocks will have their funding reduced by \$3,000 each and others will be cut completely (Bassam, Dale, McCords) . The motion was passed. Joe will inform the missionaries of the decision made.
- Joe suggested the Finance committee meet some time before the next Vestry Meeting on 11th October, to work at reducing the rest of the budget through salary cuts. Vestry will then prayerfully consider these recommendations at the next meeting.

3) **Prayer Lists** for the coming month were handed out by Paul St Andre

Future Vestry Meetings will be October 11, November 8, 29, December 13.

The meeting closed with prayer at approximately 9.50