

## Grace Church Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2017

**Call to Order:** Father Matt called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.

**Roll Call:** Barbara Rudy, Kathryn Calame, Nanci Kryzak, Pam Freeman, John Lacey, Cathy Shanks, Richard Lucal, Beth Willis

Missing: Evelyn Garzetta, Kyle Van De Water, Lynda Boissey, Kristin Martin

**Clergy:** Father Matt Calkins

**Opening Prayer and Devotion** - The opening prayer was led by Nanci Kryzak.

Father Matt apologized for the brevity of this meeting, but is necessary so that we can attend Rev. Lindsley's talk at noon.

This conflict of vestry meetings scheduled at the same time as the anniversary celebration events has happened a couple of times and to avoid this in the future we will change vestry meetings to the fourth Sunday of the month until the anniversary events have been completed.

### Approval of Minutes:

December 8, 2016 Minutes approved.

January 22, 2017 Minutes approved.

January 29, 2017 Minutes approved with 2 corrections. Barney Calame was incorrectly listed as Barry; the Altar Guild has 3 people who arrange flowers.

### Readings:

Father Matt will be distributing copies of the book *The Episcopal Way* in the near future. It is book one of a teaching series. If any of the new vestry members would like a copy of the last assigned book *Holy Currencies* please let Father Matt know and he will get more copies. Father Matt has also ordered copies of *What We Talk About When We Talk About God* by Rob Bell.

### Cathy Shanks presented the Treasurer's Report:

#### New Resolution

Cathy moved to accept a new resolution for signers on the Bank of Millbrook and the Trust Fund. The news signers will be officers Barbara Rudy, Cathy Shanks, Kathryn Calame, and Pam Freeman. Nanci Kryzak seconded the motion. All approved.

#### Budget

The 2017 Operating budget and Income report was presented in a shortened format. Cathy pointed out the budgeted pledges as \$180,000 for the year and \$15,000 per month. The January income was \$16,518. Also included was information through 2/17/17. The pledge income there was \$33,402.90, which includes the pre-paid pledges that have come through. Kathryn C. asked why the expenses appeared to be high when looking at the year to date numbers. Father Matt and Cathy explained that the year to date numbers could appear to be way off as there is nothing to compare it to for a portion of a month. Even the January numbers are only for one month and can be hard to compare to one month last year. Sometimes expenses can be made in different months from the prior year. Father Matt and Cathy suggested anyone with questions or suggestions contact them individually. Cathy said anyone could contact her on Sunday or during the week at her office.

## The Moritz Foundation Grant for the Preschool

The Moritz Foundation continues to give generously to the preschool. Initially \$19,000 was given for capital improvements to the space, then an additional \$25,000 to make up financial deficits including scholarships and subsidizing payroll for Fridays, thus allowing the school to open again for a 5-day week. In addition they have recently awarded the preschool a grant for \$75,000. The space will be completely renovated; the interior will be painted, exposed pipework will be covered, and new (toxin free) wooden play equipment will be ordered.

### **Stewardship Report:**

We are still waiting on a new Stewardship Chair. We are currently at \$163,241 in pledges from 69 households. Last year 75 households pledged \$166,158. We are roughly \$3,000 short from last year. This slippage is a concern and we will talk about it more at future meetings. Some folks have not pledged this year although they give when they come to church. E-pledging is very reliable and needs to be encouraged.

### **Calendar Items:**

Vestry meetings will be moved to the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month until after the anniversary series ends.

Please note the following dates:

March 12 – Visit to Mosque – meet at 12:15 at Grace or 1 p.m. at the Mosque

March 26 – Vestry Meeting at 11:15 a.m.

April 30 – Vestry Meeting at 11:15 a.m. *Note 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday*

May 13 – Vestry Retreat from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. This serves as our vestry meeting.

May 21 – Blessing our Sacred Places at Innisfree

June 11 – Vestry and Bishop lunch after Confirmation

June 25 – Vestry Meeting at 11:15 a.m.

### **Rector's Report:**

A team of three will participate in the Fierce Conversations Workshop on March 25 - Barbara Rudy, Kathryn Calame, and Nanci Kryzak.

### **Warden's Report:**

Kathryn Calame stated that the Renewal Works Committee is a very dedicated group. She especially mentioned Connie Kinsey as one of the most valuable members. They have had 3 events/meetings so far. The next 3 workshops will be analyzing the results of the inventory and giving recommendations to take us a step further. Reports will be made to the vestry and feedback will be appreciated.

### **Grace Story:**

In moment of grace, Nanci Kryzak offered that the Renewal Works team has been learning about the goal of growing in love of God and love of neighbor, through our Lord Jesus Christ, the importance of which was beautifully preached by Matt in this morning's sermon.

The meeting was adjourned at 12 noon. The next meeting will be on March 26, 2017.

Submitted by: Pam Freeman, Clerk