

Vestry Minutes 7 January 2018

PRESENT: Gloria Mansfield, Senior Warden; Barbara Plumley, Junior Warden; Bonnie DePino, Carol Jones.

ABSENT: Diana Leitgeb.

GUESTS: The Rev. Bruce MacDuffie, Robert Bowler (Beau)

CALL TO ORDER at 11:45 am.

OPENING PRAYER: Carol

ITEMS WE NEED TO ACCEPT

Motion to accept the minutes of 14 November made by Bonnie, seconded by Carol, approved.

ITEMS / REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

- I. **Financial Report:** We had a long discussion about the Diocesan assessment, aka contribution to Diocesan ministry. It appears unjust that while the Diocese owns the buildings, Immanuel parish not only pays the assessment (similar to rent), but also insurance and maintenance.
- II. **Stone Church Center:** We did very well in December and thanks to Eugene Friesen's concert and Liz Rogers' workshop we ended in the black. Beau made it clear that, while this extra income allowed the center to pay \$1800 in rent in December, we still only paid rent through June. Also, that the rent has been reduced to \$400 per month for 2018 in the proposed budget. This amount has been paid for January. *Motion to accept the Stone Church Center proposed budget as presented, made by Bonnie, seconded by Carol, approved.*
- III. **2018 Church Budget:** Beau has removed/consolidated several accounts: On the income side, Christian Education has been removed due to inactivity for two years; on expenses, Computer has been combined with Office (leaving the Office budget the same), and Music has been removed and any expenses will come out of Education and Worship. We do not know what the Diocesan Assessment will be since we will have to pay our portion of 1/3 of the Diocesan deficit for 2017 as well as a new, monthly amount for 2018. Also, due to reduced costs for heating fuel the last couple of years, planned disbursements from the Wilkes Fund are considerably less. However, we do plan to distribute more from the Wilkes Fund in 2018 than was distributed in 2017. Since most other income sources have decreased, the only place to make up the difference, other than reducing expenses further, is from the Wilkes Fund. It is proposed that we increase our monthly distribution from \$9,500 to \$9,800. *Motion to accept the 2018 budget as proposed, made by Bonnie, seconded by Barbara, approved.*
- IV. **Buildings & Grounds:** We want Ralph to attend a Vestry meeting to clarify his duties. We probably need to hire out or get volunteers to help with Spring and Fall cleanup.
- V. **Worship Committee:** The committee meets this Tuesday at 3 pm to plan for Ash Wednesday, Lent and Holy Week.

ITEMS FOR ACTION / DISCUSSION

(Old Business)

- I. **Patrick Applegate on Stewardship Committee?** We can appoint Patrick to Stewardship at annual meeting.
- II. **Discernment Committee:** We are still gauging whether there is enough energy in the congregation to move forward with a second generation. Perhaps we need to meet again to discuss this with Beth.

(New Business)

- I. **Realm Church Software:** Beau explained the benefits of adopting Realm software not only for administrative needs, but also community building and team ministry. After thoroughly discussing all the options, it was determined that costs that costs would not increase, but would likely be less. **Motion to move to Realm Connect and ACS Financial Suite, made by Bonnie, seconded by Carol, approved.**
- II. **Other:** 1) *Charlie is requesting funds for Warming Shelter. Motion to make a donation of \$300 to the Warming Shelter from Community Closet funds, made by Barbara, seconded by Carol, approved.* 2) *The Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 21 after Coffee Hour. If there is a snow storm that day, the meeting will take place January 28. Annual reports are due from leadership by January 16.*

CLOSING PRAYER: Carol
(Prayers at next meeting: Bonnie)

AJOURNMENT: 1:40 pm

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, 11 February at 11:45 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Bowler