

**Meeting of the Vestry of St. Peter's by-the-Lake**  
**Thursday, February 16, 2017**

The Vestry gathered on **Thursday, February 16, 2017** for the regular monthly meeting.

**Present:** Carol Mead (Rector), Becky Adams, Cody Allen (via phone), Ken Allen, Todd Clapp, Scottie Jackson, Katy Pacelli, Jan Patrick, Sandy Ruckstuhl (via phone), Susan Siddall, Dick Phillips (Treasurer), and Ginger Perdue (Clerk).

**Absent:** David Chew and Hollie Hull.

The Vestry began the meeting at 6:30 pm with prayer.

The **Minutes** from the **January** meeting were presented. Ken Allen made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Katy Pacelli seconded the motion and the motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

**January Treasurer's Report:** Dick Phillips presented the **Treasurer's Report** for **January**. Total income for January was \$34,780 against a budget of \$26,728 for a total of \$8,052 over budget. It was noted that we had received a few yearly pledges in January. Total expenses for January were \$27,827 against a budget of \$27,958 for a total of \$131 under budget. Income versus expenses for January left a net gain of \$6,953.

Year to date figures are the same since it is the beginning of the year.

Bank balance as of 1/31/17 was \$186,571, with restricted and holding funds of \$114,609 leaving a general fund balance of \$71,963.

BankPlus loan balance as of 1/31/17 was \$146,357.

Todd Clapp made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Ken Allen seconded the motion and the Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

### **New Business**

**Elect treasurer and clerk:** Scottie Jackson made a motion to nominate Dick Phillips as treasurer and since there were no other nominees, to elect him by acclamation. Ken Allen seconded the motion and Dick Phillips was elected treasurer by acclamation.

Ken Allen made a motion to nominate Ginger Perdue as clerk and since there were no other nominees, to elect her by acclamation. The motion was seconded and Ginger Perdue was elected clerk by acclamation.

**Accept Parochial Report for 2016:** The clerk presented the parochial report for 2016 to the vestry. It was noted that membership had increased in 2016 and that average Sunday attendance had increased as well. Katy Pacelli made a motion to accept the parochial report as presented, Ken Allen seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Proposed bell for outside:** Carol presented to the vestry an idea about having a outside bell for the church grounds similar to the one they have a Camp Bratton-Green. We would ring the bell on Sunday mornings before services. Carol wants the vestry to think about this. She said that the money would be raised separately and would not come from the church budget.

**Delegates and Alternates for Council 2017:** Members of the congregation were asked to submit their names to be considered as delegates and alternates for council in 2017 in Southaven, MS. The vestry voted on the candidates and the following persons were elected to serve as delegates: Linda Clark, Hollie Hull and Jerry Pelly. Those elected to serve as alternates were: Bobby Houston, Jean Garrison and Glenda Black.

**Approve Karen Houston as Lay Eucharistic Visitor:** Karen Houston submitted an application to become a Lay Eucharistic Visitor to take home communion to those who are unable to attend church. Scottie Jackson made a motion to approve Karen Houston as a Lay Eucharistic Visitor. Ken Allen seconded the motion and it was passed by the vestry.

**Replacement of sinks in the ladies' room:** The sinks in the ladies' room in the parish hall need to be replaced. The vestry asked the Jr. Warden, Ken Allen, to please get a price for doing this and send any information to the vestry to review. The vestry will vote on this at the March meeting.

**Possible change of March vestry meeting date:** The March 16<sup>th</sup> regularly schedule vestry meeting is the week of Spring break. The vestry briefly discussed whether we needed to change the meeting date or not. The vestry decided not to change the date.

**Outside lighting around the parish hall: (see attached proposal)** Entergy was contacted regarding the lighting around the parish hall. Entergy suggested changing the current lighting to new LED lights which are brighter and repositioning the lights we have to better cover the parking lot. If this isn't sufficient, we can get another light at the end of the parking lot. Sandy Ruckstuhl made a motion to change the lighting to LED lights per Entergy's proposal. Ken Allen seconded the motion and it was passed by the vestry.

### **Ongoing Business**

**Sr. Warden's Report:** Scottie asked about replacing the banner in front of the church, (All are Welcome) with a new one. Katy Pacelli said she would check into this. Scottie asked about replacing the faucet in the kitchen in the triple compartment sink as it splashes everywhere. George will be asked to replace the faucet. It was also brought up that since the ice machine is very corroded from years of well water and use that we consider purchasing a new machine. George Bobo attempted to clean up the old one but wasn't successful and felt we needed to purchase a new one. There is currently around \$20,000 left in the kitchen renovation fund. The vestry agreed that the ice machine needed to be replaced.

Scottie also asked about a nice sign for the entrance to the Fowler Garden saying that the "Garden is Closed Today" to use on holy days that we are having services to keep people from taking prom pictures. Carol will discuss this with Patti Snipes.

Scottie also asked Ken Allen to look into clearing out the area around the Episcopal Church Welcome sign on 471. Ken will check on this.

Scottie also asked the vestry to consider doing something special for George Bobo for all his work on the kitchen renovation. It was suggested to give him and Jeaneen a few nights at a bed and breakfast in New Orleans and a gift card. Scottie will check on this and email the information to the vestry.

(Note: By email vote, the vestry approved 2 nights at a bed and breakfast in New Orleans and a \$200 gift card. The gift was presented to George at the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on February 28<sup>th</sup>).

**Jr. Warden's Report:** Ken had nothing to report at this time.

**Priest's Report:** Carol Mead reported that someone had offered to pay to have our St. Peter's church sign out front refurbished. Jan Patrick volunteered to check on having this done. Carol also reported that we would be adding a service of Compline to the Sunday schedule during Lent. Stations of the Cross will also be added on Fridays.

**Select firm to perform the 2016 external audit:** Sandy Ruckstuhl presented a second bid for the external audit. Pace and Associates submitted a price of \$2750 to perform the audit. The vestry briefly discussed this and Sandy Ruckstuhl made a motion that we employ Pace and Associates to perform the 2016 external audit for St. Peter's at the cost of \$2750. Katy Pacelli seconded the motion and the vestry approved the motion.

**Marketing Committee:** The church office submitted a sample of a new bumper sticker using our new logo. The marketing committee will meet and do some research and submit something for vestry approval at a later meeting.

**Other:** Carol asked the finance committee to please add the treasurer and bookkeeper to the committee. Carol pointed that our bylaws state that the treasurer is to present the proposed budget to the vestry.

With no other business to discuss, a motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ginger Perdue". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ginger Perdue  
Clerk of the Vestry