

Meeting of the Vestry of St. Peter's by-the-Lake
Thursday, October 19, 2017

The Vestry gathered on **Thursday, October 19, 2017** for the regular monthly meeting.

Present: Carol Mead (Rector), Becky Adams, Cody Allen, Barbara Brown, David Chew, Todd Clapp, Scottie Jackson, Katy Pacelli, Jan Patrick, Susan Siddall, Dick Phillips (Treasurer), and Ginger Perdue (Clerk).

Absent: Hollie Hull.

The Vestry began the meeting at 6:31 p.m. with prayer.

The **Minutes** from the September meeting were presented. Scottie Jackson made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Susan Siddall seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

September Treasurer's Report: Dick Phillips presented the **Treasurer's Report** for September. Total income for September was \$28,798 against a budget of \$24,731 for a total of \$4,862 over budget. Total expenses for September were \$24,971 against a budget of \$24,886 for a total of \$85 over budget. Income versus expenses for September left a net gain of \$6,619.

Year to date figures show a total income of \$256,079 against a budget of \$241,052 for a total of \$15,027 over budget. Total expenses for the year are \$236,657 against a budget of \$233,742 for a total of \$2,915 over budget. Income versus expenses for the year leaves a net gain of \$19,422.

Bank balance as of 9/30/17 was \$205,369, with restricted and holding funds of \$122,084 leaving a general fund balance of \$83,285.

BankPlus loan balance as of 9/30/17 was \$124,249.82.

Jan Patrick made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Cody Allen seconded the motion and the Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

New Business

New Refrigerator for Kitchen: Ginger Perdue told the vestry that the refrigerator in the kitchen was no longer working. It was repaired but the work didn't last and it could not be fixed, or would be too costly to repair. Estimates for a new refrigerator, for the same size and for a larger unit, were reviewed. After some discussion about brands and sizes, Katy Pacelli made a motion to purchase a 2-door refrigerator (a larger unit) with funds from the kitchen renovation fund (\$ 4,419 available). Scottie seconded the motion and the motion passed. The vestry agreed to look at other funding options if the price exceeded the \$4,419. Cody Allen will get prices on the new unit and get one ordered and in place as soon as possible.

Choir Robes: Ginger Perdue spoke to the vestry about purchasing new choir robes. She said that the vestry approved \$750 a few years ago from the BBQ holding funds and that a donation of \$500 was received and was in the contingency fund. She said additional funds were needed to purchase 15 to 17 robes. The cost per robe is approximately \$126 each. Ginger also said that Beverly Craft had agreed to make choir stoles for the different seasons. It was pointed out that the current choir robes were about 20 years old and needed to be replaced. Ginger asked to vestry to consider approving \$1100 from the drawdown holding fund to be spent for choir robes. Ginger felt that with the previous funds and the additional requested funds that new robes and stoles could be purchased.

Todd Clapp made a motion to allocate the \$1100 from the drawdown holding fund to the choir to purchase robes. Susan Siddall seconded the motion and the motion was passed by the vestry. Ginger thanked the vestry for their support.

Church Bell: Susan Siddall presented the vestry with a proposal for a church bell. Our deacon, Denis Wilson, had previously asked about having a bell to ring on Sunday morning that would be located on the church grounds. It would be mounted in a frame. There is a similar bell located at Camp Bratton-Green and it would be mounted in that way.

Susan did a lot of research on bells, the type to purchase, the sound and the costs. The bell she proposed to purchase is made of brass, has a nice deep sound and will not crack. The cost is \$975 plus \$24.95 shipping and taxes.

Morgan Belote, who designed the frame for the one at camp, agreed to help with the frame for the new church bell. The cost for the materials for the frame is estimated to be between \$600 and \$800. We would need volunteers to help with the construction. Money for this project has been donated and is in the contingency fund and the memorial fund so no funds from the church budget are needed for the project. The vestry discussed this proposal. The vestry asked if we could have something engraved on the bell, such as the date of purchase, name of church, etc. Susan will check on this to see if it is possible and to make sure it doesn't change the sound of the bell.

After the discussion, Jan Patrick made a motion to purchase the \$975 bell and the materials needed to construct the frame from the funds donated for this project. Scottie Jackson seconded the motion and the vestry approved the motion.

Ongoing Business

Sr. Warden's Report: Scottie Jackson presented some information following up on the idea of having a pet cemetery at St. Peter's. St. Columb's has an area for pets for memorials and will be sending Scottie their research. The vestry briefly discussed the pros and cons of this idea and Jan Patrick moved that we table this discussion at this time.

Jr. Warden's Report: Carol asked Ginger if she knew of any Jr. Warden issues that needed to be discussed. Ginger did say that the urinal in the men's room needed to be repaired. She will ask Bill Brown about it and call a plumber if needed.

Priest's Report: Carol reported that she had just returned from clergy conference. Carol said she would be out on Sunday, November 12th and Dennis would be preaching. At clergy conference, the bishop talked about an upcoming conference on evangelism to be held in March in Ohio. He asked for those interested in attending to contact him, Carol said she was interested and has submitted her name to the bishop for consideration.

Finance Committee: Becky Adams presented a written report (copy attached) to the vestry from the finance committee meeting. Becky pointed out a few items from the report. The committee will meet again soon and continue to work on recommendations for the 2018 budget.

Marketing Committee Report: Katy Pacelli reported that she is continuing to work with Chad to complete the design of the new website. She should have something to show the vestry very soon.

The new car decals are available now. Katy also asked about going on and reserving a spot for our Easter billboard now so that we can get the billboard spot on Old Fannin Road. The vestry agreed.

Jack-O-Lantern Jam: Hollie Hull submitted a written report regarding the cancelation of Jack-O-Lantern Jam. (see attached report). The vestry briefly discussed whether or not the church could support two big events so close together, the art show and a Halloween event. It was suggested that we put committees together far enough in advance to do as much work as possible so that we can have enough volunteers. It was also mentioned that we would like to form a committee and begin working on vacation bible school in February.

With no other business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Ginger Perdue
Clerk of the Vestry