

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
December 14, 2015

Members present: Lise Cater, Perry Moses, Steve Replogle, Blake Coe, Deb McIntuff, Ryker Robinson, Scott Darwin, Gary Latanich, Johnny Stayton

Members absent: Mike Engelken, Steve Thompson

Others present: Rev. Jesse Perkins, Rev. Amber Carswell

Centering: Rev. Perkins opened the Vestry meeting at 7:00 with a prayer.

Vestry Study: Dwelling in the Word – Luke 10: 1-12

Minutes: MMP Cater/McIntuff to approve the November 16, 2015 minutes.

Treasurer's Report: MMSP Latanich/Stayton to accept the report.

New Business:

1. 2016 Operating Budget.
 - A. MMSP Coe/McIntuff to give Rev. Perkins a 5% raise in stipend and benefits.
 - B. MMSP Darwin/Stayton to give the Choir Director at 5% raise, and a 3% raise to the church secretary, bookkeeper, and organist.
 - C. MMSP Stayton/Darwin to approve the overall budget for 2016 as presented.
2. Approval to seek 501C3 status for Two Saint's Kitchen.
 - A. MMSP Cater/Darwin to seek approval of 501C3 status for Two Saint's Kitchen.

Old Business:

1. St. Mark's is going before the Jonesboro City Council Tuesday night, December 15, seeking approval to provide exception to residential zoning for change of use to start the Infant Day Care in the home purchased at 514 W. College.

Reports:

Senior Warden:

1. Annual meeting with potluck will be January 10, 2016. The Vestry will be responsible for clean up afterward.
2. Scott Darwin will have coffee hour for January.
3. Vestry counters are Ryker Robinson, Gary Latanich, and Perry Moses.
4. Dave Reddman will complete repairs on all roofing by Christmas.

Junior Warden:

1. New fencing is up and paid for.
2. Parishioner Terri Rogers would like to make some additions to the courtyard/garden area sometime next year. She will attend a Vestry meeting in early 2016 to explain her ideas.

Curate:

1. Has accepted a position as an assistant priest at Trinity Cathedral in Little Rock. She will remain at St. Mark's through Sunday, April 3.
2. Thanked the Vestry for their support during the time she has been at St. Mark's.
3. Expressed hope that groups such as the 20's and 30's group will continue after she has left St. Mark's.

Rector:

1. Christmas Pageant will be Sunday, December 21.
2. Blake Coe will be the Senior Warden for 2016.
3. Annual meeting on January 10th, with four Vestry vacancies to be filled. So far, two individuals have said they are willing to serve, and two more are considering running for a position.
4. The Junior Warden and Secretary will be elected at the January 11 Vestry meeting.
5. Rev. Perkin's sabbatical will start January 12th and conclude on March 12th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm with Compline led by Gary Latanich.

Respectfully submitted,

Lise Cater

12/17/2015 Addendum:

By an email vote of 10, with one abstaining, the 2015 Vestry voted to give the seven staff members a Christmas bonus of \$200.00 (taxes withheld) for 2015.