

St. Monica's Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting for August 16, 2018

Present: The Rev. Eric Cooter, Rector; Matt Devlin, Senior Warden; Doug Ball, Clerk of Vestry; Bill Chairs; Carol Hedman; Michael Kennedy; Betsy Smith; Stuart Wisnom.

Absent: Tom Cote, Junior Warden (excused); Janet Ross, Treasurer (excused)

Call to Order

- Fr. Eric called the meeting to order and started with prayer.
- The Vestry read through the Vestry Covenant prior to our deliberations.

Approval of Minutes

- Carol moved, Stuart seconded the motion to approve the minutes for July 19, 2018; motion passed.

Reports and Information

- Rector's Report for August—as filed.
- The Senior Warden had no formal report but spoke briefly about building repairs and insurance matters.
- Fr. Eric summarized how he, Stacy, and Janet are collaborating on accounting matters, and in the Treasurer's absence presented the financials for August. Doug moved, Bill seconded the motion to approve the August financials; motion passed.
- The Rector informed the Vestry that the 50th Annual Diocesan Convention for Southwest Florida will start on Friday, Oct. 12, 2018, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Bonita Springs, Florida. Fr. Eric and the elected delegates from St. Monica's Matt Devlin, Tom Cote, Betsy Smith (and Betty Gamel as alternate) will be attending the convention.
- Matt gave an update on Pumpkin Patch 2018 based on previous discussions by the Vestry. The event will take place in two weeks in October closest to Halloween, and there will be limited hours during the days of operation. A county permit is set, and recruitment efforts for the selling team is forthcoming.

- Doug announced that the Stewardship Team has moved the dinner event to Friday, October 26, 2018, to accommodate our guest speaker, the Rev. Canon Chris Gray, Canon for Development. We will also have a free buffet dinner catered by the new chef for St. Matthew's House. The cost of the meal is being underwritten by three folks from St. Monica's so, there are no budget impact. There will be an interactive brief Bible study at the dinner tables led by our parishioners who volunteered, and there will be a guest guitarist from Peru (arranged by Ron Doiron). No pledge cards will be handed out at the dinner; this will happen a day later. A training date in September will be set for those who will write personal invitations to other parishioners to attend the dinner and for those who will lead the Bible Study during the meal.
- Betsy reported on Sunday School, which will happen for all age groups with some teachers signed up for their classes. Betsy reported on the scripture studies during Adult Education on Sundays that she and Fr. Eric will handle in separate series.
- A discussion about a designated place for the older youth (a youth room) in the educational wing. Coordination with the Junior Warden will need to take place to keep the room flexible for other groups. The vestry concurred to designate the space.
- Bill moved, Michael seconded the motion for Lifeline Screening to rent our facilities for their day's event at \$200.00, which is less than the usual rental amount. St Monica's has been a long-standing partner with this organization that does very important physical examinations for people to guide them in their future health areas. Motion passed.
- Bill moved, Carol seconded the motion to adhere to the General Convention mandates that the Lay Pension Contribution be five percent of the Parish Administrator's contribution month starting in September of this year; motion passed.

Resolutions

- Doug moved, Matt seconded the motion that the proceeds from The Pumpkin Patch 2018 should be distributed as follows:
 - 1) 10% for outreach;
 - 2) 10% for music;
 - 3) 15% for youth;
 - 4) 20% for capital reserve;

5) 45% (\$4,000) for operating budget.

**This is based on a \$10,000 of profit for the event.

- Doug moved, Matt seconded the motion that \$3245 will be moved from the Pilgrimage fund to the Fundraiser Fund to be appropriated for seed money for The Pumpkin Patch 2018; motion passed.
- Matt moved, Doug seconded the motion that \$4628 will be moved from the Pilgrimage fund to the Fundraiser Fund to be appropriated to the Youth Fund for this year; motion passed.
- The vestry needed to appoint a replacement for Ligia Rodriquez who has resigned from the Vestry due to a family move to the Tampa area. Carol moved, Bill seconded the motion to present Sarah Meadow to fill the Vestry position; motion passed unanimously.
- Matt moved, Michael seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting; motion was passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Ball, Clerk of Vestry