**St. Monica’s Episcopal Church**

Vestry Meeting for March 21, 2019

**Present:** The Very Rev. Eric S. Cooter, Rector; Tom Cote, Senior Warden; Ray Lapierre, Junior Warden; Janet Ross, Treasurer; Doug Ball, Clerk of Vestry; Cooper Dearborn; Carol Hedman; Michael Kennedy; Sarah Meadow; Sharon Sparrow; Jenny Wise.

**Call to Order**

* Fr. Eric called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and opened with a prayer.
* The Vestry recited the Vestry Covenant before the start of business.
* On behalf of the Vestry Fr. Eric welcomed and introduced the new Vestry members to the meeting.

**Approval of the Minutes**

* After a brief discussion and a correction, Tom moved, Michael seconded the motion to approve the minutes for February as amended; motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report**

* It was the Rectors and Treasurer’s consensus that Maria Hayes, the new Comptroller, is doing a very fine job, and the Vestry appreciated the narrative summary accompanying the numerical figures. Doug moved, Tom seconded the motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report; motion passed.

**New Church Administrator Selected**

* Fr. Eric announced that there were 68 applications for the position, and 10 individuals were called in for interviews. Ms. Jennifer Flint was offered the position of Parish Administrator by Fr. Eric. If she accepts, she will start Wednesday of next week. Linda will stay on through Holy Week to train Jennifer.

**Other Reports and Information**

* Rector’s Report (as filed)
* Senior Warden’s Report—the transition of Ray Lapierre taking over as Junior Warden is going very well, and the Parish Life Commission is totally alive and well with a recent meeting with Jill Ducatman who heads the Kitchen Ministry Team. Parish Life is thinking of more social activities for the church parishioners such as Sunset at the Beach scheduled on April 12th and a Potluck Social scheduled on May 4th. They are aiming for “low cost/high impact” events during the year.
* Junior Warden’s Report—Ray asked the Vestry to consider replacing our aging electric water heater for a tankless gas H20 heater; there is money in the budget for such improvement, and the Vestry supported the update.

**Resolutions**

* The Treasurer had several resolutions concerning changing names on checking and savings accounts to reflect Tom Cote as the new Senior Warden. Matt Devlin, outgoing Senior Warden was removed on accounts as outlined by three motions (see below).
  + Operating Account: The Rev. Eric Cooter, Tom Cote, Ray Lapierre, Janet Ross.
  + Savings Account: The Rev. Eric Cooter, Tom Cote, Janet Ross
  + Memorial Account: The Rev. Eric Cooter, Tom Cote, Janet Ross
  + Capital Reserve Account: The Rev. Eric Cooter, Tom Cote, Janet Ross

**Discussions**

* The Vestry discussed last fall’s Pumpkin Patch event and whether it should be continued for 2019. It was brought out that it has been a losing proposition in recent years, and it is increasingly hard to find volunteers to staff the daily event hours with the church’s older parishioners. Tom, Janet, Matt, and the Rector had given this a lot of thought and discussion. Carol moved, Janet seconded the motion to disband the Pumpkin Patch event; motion passed. Vestry members need to be thinking of events that could take its place that are not so labor-intensive such as, for instance, a festival day with food trucks and activities.
* A lengthy discussion ensued about starting a mortgage reduction campaign which would be a fundraising activity to pay off the remaining mortgage on building the new church. Tom moved, Michael seconded the motion to start the process of researching and proposing a campaign in 2019; motion passed with one nay.
* Sarah moved, Carol seconded the motion to research and propose the opportunity for St. Monica’s to host a New Horizons “Super Teens Club” that provides support to at-risk youth who are mostly Latino (English being their second language) where tutoring, mentoring, and faith-based building would be part of the program for after school and summer programs in Collier County. This New Horizons Ministry exploration will be coordinated by the Service-Local Mission Commission Chairs (Ross/Hedman), the Junior Warden, Senior Warden, and Fr. Eric. Motion passed.
* The Treasurer will be receiving checks from vestry member to the Endowment Funds on behalf of Matt Devlin for his long service to St. Monica’s.
* Being no further matters to discuss, Carol moved, Janet seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Fr. Eric sent us off with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Ball

Clerk of Vestry