

ST. MONICA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Vestry Meeting for December 19, 2019

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

Excused: Ray Lapierre and Cooper Dearborn.

Call to Order

- Fr. Eric called the meeting to order at 6:36 P.M., and he started us with prayer.
- The Vestry recited the Vestry Covenant before the beginning of business.

Approval of Minutes

- Janet moved, Tom seconded the motion to approve the Vestry minutes for November as amended; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

- Doug moved, Tom seconded the motion to accept the Treasurer's report; motion passed.

Other Reports and Information (Questions/Comments)

- Rector's Report (as filed)
- Fr. Eric reported that matters/activities are going very well with Laura, our Youth Minister. Currently, she is working on relationship building with parents in the congregation.
- Senior Warden's Report (as filed)
- Junior Warden's Report—Tom presented Ray's report to the Vestry. All church trusses are strapped; another coat of underlayment was applied to prevent future leaks; rotten decking and trusses were replaced, and fascia repaired where necessary. More work regarding trusses and used straps will be needed for the Parish Hall. FPL has agreed to replace the old transformer near the schoolyard at their expense. New landscaping around the schoolyard has been completed. A great bid has come in to improve the looks of the parking lot. The 2020 agreements for Weight Watchers, Goal Setters, and Heavenly Day School are signed, and St. Monica's has a new cleaning and maintenance contract in place for the ice machine, refrigerator, and freezer. Cleaning and maintenance will happen twice a year, and this is the first time for this service.
- Fr. Eric led a discussion with the Vestry of the results of the recently completed Mutual Ministry Review.
- There was a productive discussion about maintaining Blue Cup Projects and also following our capital fund projects list which was previously set up for future

fundraising events. There was Vestry agreement that the Blue Cup Projects should be smaller endeavors (in cost) such as new outside benches around the campus and larger fundraising projects would follow the priorities of capitol projects list. Carol and Doug have formed a committee to flesh out these ideas by the next meeting.

- Fr. Eric announced that the Endowment Committee will be coming to the Vestry in January concerning distribution requests.
- The Treasurer presented with the approval of the Finance Committee the 2020 parish budget to the Rector and Vestry. After Janet did a substantial walk-through of the draft budget, Sharon moved, Doug seconded the motion to approve the budget for next year. Motion passed.
- Janet moved, Tom seconded the motion to accept the Revised Letter of Agreement for 2020 presented by Fr. Eric; motion passed.
- Sharon moved, Michael seconded the motion to approve the Rector's 2020 Housing Allowance (no change from 2019); motion passed.
- Sara moved, Janet seconded the motion that the Vestry authorize the purchase of equipment and installation of video recording/streaming equipment for the purpose of recording and posting our church services as well as live streaming of services and other events as desired. Harmon's quote of \$5920.00 was the best, and this will be accomplished using the remaining 2019 Evangelism budget of \$1988.00 and the balance of \$3932 using the 2020 diocesan rebate of approximately \$2,000 and a portion of the Evangelism budget funds for 2020. Motion passed.
- It was announced that four students from Gulf Coast High School (two boys managing the website and two girls) will take care of our new website and social media presence.
- On a sad note, Tom read a statement that he is resigning formally from the vestry and his position of Senior Warden effective at the Annual Meeting, Jan. 19, 2020. He put this into a motion with the Vestry seconding the motion, and regrettably, the motion was approved. Fr. Eric thanked Tom and everyone else who is rotating of the Vestry at the Annual Meeting.
- With no other business to be transacted, the Vestry finished the meeting and observed a Eucharist for the last Vestry meeting of the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Ball, Clerk of Vestry