St. Monica's Episcopal Church

Vestry Retreat & First Vestry Meeting for January 23, 2020 After Annual Meeting

Present: The Very Rev. Eric S. Cooter, Rector; Matt Devlin, Senior Warden; Doug Ball; Cooper Dearborn; Matt Devlin; Carol Hedman; Ray Lapierre; Sarah Meador; Beth Moss; Jenny Wise.

Excused: Heidi Varsames.

Call to Order

- Fr. Eric called the Vestry Retreat and first Vestry meeting in 2020 to order at 6:15 A.M. and started us off with prayer.
- The new Vestry recited the Vestry Covenant before the beginning of the session.

Vestry Retreat

- Fr. Eric opened the retreat by recommending to all the Vestry the reading of Alice Mann's book, "Raising the Roof." This discussion focuses on the parish church's difficult transition from pastoral to program size.
- Fr. Eric led us through Part I of the Vestry Retreat.
- In Part II of the Retreat, officers of the Vestry offers were elected after the Rector noted that he has appointed Matt Devlin as Senior Warden for a one-year term. For Junior Warden, Matt Devlin moved, Sarah Meador seconded the motion to nominate Ray Lapierre as Junior Warden. After the Vestry's approving remarks for Ray's handling of this position in 2019; the motion was passed. Ray Lapierre moved, Carol Hedman seconded the motion that Doug Ball be nominated for Treasurer; motion passed. After discussion, Carol Hedman moved, Doug Ball seconded the motion that Beth Moss be Clerk of Vestry with Sarah Meador as Recorder; motion passed.
- After the elections, Fr. Eric concluded the Vestry Retreat with Part III of his discussion.

Comptroller's Report

- Maria Hayes, CPA (Comptroller) presented a discussion to the Vestry of the reading and understanding of the financial statements which are prepared for the Vestry each month along with her narrative report of the highlights of the month's financial activities.

Remaining Portions of the Vestry Meeting

Approval of December Minutes

- Sarah Meador moved, Ray Lapierre seconded the motion to approve the Vestry minutes for December 19, 2019. Motion passed.

- Carol Hedman moved, Ray Lapierre seconded the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.
- Doug Ball moved, Sarah Meador seconded the motion that Tom Cote and Janet Ross be removed as signatories on all accounts at First Citizens Bank, that The Rev. Eric Cooter and Ray Lapierre remain as signatories, and that Matt Devlin and Doug Ball be added as new signatories on all accounts with the bank. Motion passed.
- Matt Devlin moved, Ray Lapierre seconded the motion that once the commission chairs have been assigned by the Rector and Senior Warden, the Service Commission Chairs will work with their team leaders and bring to the vestry recommendations for the 2020 distribution from the Endowment, as proposed by the Endowment Committee. Motion passed.
- Since the was no further business, Sarah Meador moved, Jenny Wise seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Ball, appointed Clerk of Vestry