

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY
Otey Memorial Parish Church
December 19, 2013, 6:30 PM
Seiter's Home

Present: Ann Millar, Sr. Warden; Amy Burns, Jr. Warden; Roy Millar, Treasurer; Steve Blount; Alex Bruce; Karen Keele; Carol Sampson; Dave Spaulding; Doug Seiters; Jess Reeves, Interim Priest, Ann Aitken, Clerk

Absent: Pratt Paterson
Visitors: Laura Willis, Larry Barker, Steve Ford

The meeting began at 6:35 PM with the opening prayer.

APPROVAL NOVEMBER 19, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Alex moved that the November meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Steve seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

RECTOR'S REPORT

No report this month.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT - Ann Millar

No report this month

JR. WARDEN'S REPORT- Amy Burns

No report this month

TREASURER'S REPORT – Roy Millar

Roy Millar recommended that the vestry accept the proposed 2014 budget that was distributed to the vestry for review. Roy went over the method for funding insurance for the Ballards.

MOTION: Karen moved that the vestry accept the 2014 budget as presented by the Treasurer. Amy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

CONTINUING BUSINESS - FOCUS AREA REPORTS (ATTACHMENTS)

COMMITTEES

Newcomers, Carol Sampson (Attachment)

The committee set Sunday February 9 from 5 to 7 pm for the newcomer's gathering at the Elrods. Clergy and lay ministry leaders are encouraged to attend.

CAC, Dave Spaulding (Attachment from Betty Carpenter)

Christian Formation, Doug Seiters (Attachment)

Youth Ministry, Doug Seiters

Neil Paterson and Betty have begun the transition and it is going well. Party for Betty to recognize the transition. Betty has proposed that the celebration be after her ordination as deacon in January.

Stewardship, Pratt Paterson

No report available, but Jess reported pledges of \$268,000 from 105 pledging units.. Stewardship committee will send handwritten notes this week to 39 past pledgers to encourage them to recommit.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Compensation for nursery workers (Attachment from Robin Reed)

Motion: Carol moved that the compensation for nursery director be increased to \$50 per Sunday, the nursery assistant be paid \$40 per Sunday, and Substitutes be paid \$36 per Sunday/ effective January 1, 2014. Alex seconded the motion. *Motion was unanimously accepted.*

Discussion: Jess proposed that the compensation be changed from the current hourly pay arrangement to a per Sunday fixed sum and proposed fixed sum amounts which are an increase in the pay per Sunday.

2. Staff Christmas Gifts.

Motion: Dave moved that the Staff, including Freida, Robin, Betty, Beth and Kathy, be given Christmas gifts of \$100 each from the vestry. Alex seconded the motion. *Motion was approved by acclamation.*

Funds are to be provided from the Discretionary Fund.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Correction of October Minutes: Jess reported that Peggy Peterson suggested that certain matters reported in the October vestry minutes were not discussed in the October open meeting of the vestry. The vestry acknowledged the error in reporting: these matters had been discussed in (closed) executive session.

Motion: Alex moved to correct the October 2013 minutes to note that the items were discussed in executive session. Dave seconded the motion. Motion was approved by acclamation.

2. Celebration for Joe Ballard: Alex proposed moving forward in January with the celebration of Joe’s ministry. A letter was proposed with content contributed by vestry members. Alex suggested that the presentation be made on the Sunday that the new vestry members are installed.

Motion: Carol moved that we include an icon with funds contributed by the vestry individually, to be given to the Ballards at the time of the vestry’s recognition of their service. Dave seconded the motion. The motion was accepted by acclamation.

Discussion: Carol will select an icon, confirm the pricing, and collect the money.

Alex thanked all members of the vestry, especially those completing their vestry terms for their hard work during the past year.

With no additional business to discuss, Steve moved that the meeting be adjourned with a second from Alex. The time was approximately 8:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Aitken, Clerk of the Vestry

ACTION ITEMS	LEAD
Invite Bishop Bauerschmidt to participate in dedication of new Parish House	Vestry
Prepare a resolution celebrating Joe Ballard’s ministry at Otey	Alex
Installation of new vestry members and celebration of the Ballard’s ministry on Jan. 12 at the 11:00 service.	Jess and Alex
Schedule celebration of Betty’s ministry as FOM Director and Ordination to the Diaconate	Parish Life Committee

Doug will work with Robin to get the upcoming Christian Formation schedule in the February newsletter.	Doug

CAC
Report to the Vestry, December 2013

Since last reporting,

CAC has:

- Received and stored 2 ½ tons of food
- Responded to the requests of 132 individuals
- Distributed 90 bags of groceries and 65 Thanksgiving turkeys
- Assisted a client in moving into Public Housing
- Worked with 30 volunteers
- Co-Partnered with “Food with Friends” for a meal in Sherwood

Food- \$6302.54 (Double Order)

Utilities \$680.00

Housing-\$264

Youth Ministry is now in good hands and I will work throughout December to assist Neil with the transition

B. Carpenter

DATE: December 16, 2013
TO: Doug Seiters
FROM: Robin A. Reed
RE: December Vestry Update

Doug:

Here is a summary of the Christian Formation Committee work this month.

- 1) Nursery. The Nursery is running well in a small space with lots of children. Please alert the Vestry to my letter respectfully requesting a pay raise for each worker effective for January 2014.
- 2) Godly Play. Mary Beth Williams and friends are leading a large group of about 20 children in rehearsal for the Epiphany Pageant. The music will include the Ruth and Sophie Swallow along with Kathy Sturgis. Please encourage attendance on January 5, 2014.
- 3) Adult Sunday School. "Hunger: Faith in Action" had a wonderful following. Easter semester, we will begin to look at "Hunger for Right Relationships" with a strong "Lent 4.5" series, as well as a new program, "2 Cents a Meal" for our children and families to participate in each day during Lent. We are considering having aprons made with Katie Craighill's banner design and having these available for the Pancake Supper for a nominal fee.
- 4) Faith and Film series." The Bruces hosted "Up" which was very well received. Carol Sampson will sponsor "The King's Speech" (January 31) and Fr. Jess Reeves will sponsor the February offering (February 28) which we will ask him to direct more toward a family audience.
- 6) Support for Cannon Gideon Byamagishu. The Christian Formation Committee extends our sincere thanks for the Vestry support and encouragement of the celebration for Cannon Gideon. Thanks to your quick work, we were able to not only have a celebratory coffee hour and give him a small gift of a box painted with a picture of Otey Parish, but also raise over \$1400.00 for his Foundation. Thanks to the good work of Doug Seiters, Rev. Tom MacFie decided to partner with Otey and offer funds to Cannon Gideon's work as well.

Finally, on behalf of the whole Christian Formation Committee, I want to offer our thanks to each one of you for your hard work, persistence, and faithfulness to Otey Parish in times of transition. We are grateful to each of you for your commitment to Otey Parish.

Faithfully,

Dr. Robin A. Reed

Newcomers Report
Report to Vestry, December 2013

Thursday, I would like to put on the agenda the Newcomers Gumbo Dinner at the Elrods. We have narrowed down the possible three Sunday evenings in February for sa date and these are February 2nd, 9th, and the 16th. Say from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Drew and I and the Elrods plan to prepare the gumbo, and I was hoping a few others could bring salads. The beverages, french bread, and dessert could be provided by the church out of the newcomer budget.

If any of you can think of other persons that need to be included on the list as newcomers, or fairly new, please look over and tell me e-mail me.

Newcomers at Otey Parish

Julie and Aaron Elrod
Mr. Bob Thompson
Dr. Joanne Filchock
Katherine Williams
Marion Rectenwald
Sandy and Dennis Kezar
Jane Longhurst
Amy and Neil Patterson
Shelley and Ward Cammack
Scott and Linda Parrish
Tom McCawley and Ann Aitken
Eric and Karen Love
Dick McClure

For this gathering, vestry members would be invited to come, but it is not mandatory.

And then persons who are the head of various ministries, such as LEV, CAC, Centering Prayer, EFM, Bread making and Flower guild, Altar Guild, Choir director, Organist, and Youth Director.

And also staff, such as parish administrator, Christian Education Director, and then, of course, our Interim priest.

Possible total persons attending is anywhere from 25 – 35.

Want to choose a Sunday from the following possible dates, Feb. 2, 9, or 16th. (before beginning of Lent)

Otey Care Team
Report to Vestry, December 2013

Lisa Howick has officially retired as a member of the Otey Cares team. She has been responsible for arranging meals for parishioners. Carol Sampson will take her place, assisted by Ann Aitken and Shelley Cammack. It was agreed that, as before, all requests for meals should come through the priest, from the recipient to Carol or Karen.