

St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Austin, Vestry Meeting Minutes

Sunday, February 23, 2020 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Present: Erin, Jennifer, Don, Ken, Steve, Liz, Roxanne, Jill

Absent: Nelson, Eric

1. Preparation/Gather
 - a. Commitments of presence
 - Reviewed priorities set from January retreat, as applies to vestry actions:
 - What is essential to be a church today?
 - How can we ensure the capitol campaign is inclusive, intentional, and inspirational?
 - Who are St Alban's neighbors?
 - b. Hear from parishioner visitors
 - c. Approval of January 2020 minutes (Action)
 - Motion to approve: Passed
2. Teaching/Learning
 - a. Polarization
 - Partisan lines in churches
 - We are a 'purple' congregation (mixed along political affiliations)
 - b. Parochial report
 - Discussed generational differences in church attendance (Weekly vs Monthly, and how that affects our yearly census)
3. Information/Discussion/Decisions
 - a. Senior Warden's Report
 - Updates to VPoS Guides
 - VPoS/Counter checklist updates & clarification
 - Regina Caeli Academy contract
 - Discussed updates & potential rate adjustment
 - Capitol Campaign Expertise Contract (Action)
 - Reviewed existing contract
 - Discussed ownership of campaign materials in the future

- **Motion to contract with Kurt Appel and Missio Dei Ministry Services for St. Alban's capital stewardship campaign as long as language is added to the contract clarifying ownership of materials created by St. Alban's volunteers:**
Passed

b. Junior Warden's Report

- Property priority list
 - **Discussed recent issues: Plumbing & Parking Lots**
 - **To-do list for 2020 pending**
 - **Prioritizing needs**

c. Treasurer's Report

- Status of financials
 - **Report pending closure of December books by bookkeeper. (There was a substantial backlog)**
 - **Follow up later on history of the use of two separate banks**
- Monday Teller teams for weekly deposits
 - **Discussed possibility of multiple teams of volunteers to complete weekly deposit paperwork, and delivering to bank(s)**

d. Rector's Report

- Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, & 1st Sunday in Lent
 - **Guest Priest for 1st Sunday in Lent was unable to attend**
- Bishop's visitation (3/29)
 - **6-8 adult parishioners to be confirmed**
 - **Altar guild could use help**
- Lent & Eastertide Wednesday Night series (3/4 □)
 - **'Sacred Ground' series**
 - **Access to additional content for those signed up**
- March 1 Ministry and Money Quarterly Report
 - **Action Items:**
 - **Bank line of credit**
 - **Water Heater**

e. Reflection

- What did we learn today in relation to our 3 questions for study this year?

4. Other Business
 - a. February 25 COB: Deadline for March 1 Quarterly Report Info
 - b. Next Vestry Meetings: March 22, April 26
5. Closing Prayer & Adjourn