

# St. Albans' Episcopal Church

## Bishop's Visitation Vestry Meeting Minutes

Date: 4/30/17      Location: Upper Room      TIME: 1:00-3:00

### MEMBERS:

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| ✓ <u>Rev. Erin Hensley</u>           | ✓ <u>Tanya Conner</u>   | ✓ <u>Claudia McKee</u> |
| ✓ <u>Gwendolyn Hustvedt</u>          | ✓ <u>Yvonne Cyphers</u> | ✓ <u>Dawn Piper</u>    |
| ✓ <u>Paul Veihman</u>                | ✓ <u>Marcy Leonard</u>  | ✓ <u>Bob Terrell</u>   |
| ✓ <u>Alexander Clark</u> (treasurer) |                         |                        |

### GUESTS:

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| ✓ <u>Bishop Andrew Doyle</u> | ✓ <u>Nick Earl</u> |
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1. Plaster Bids were discussed and one was approved (Discussed in detail later)
2. **Discussion turned to comments to/from Vestry to/from Bishop Doyle**
  - a) Youth has been growing at St.Alban's. Youth families are on the rise. Firm steps have been taken to insure they are welcome and feel comfortable.
  - b) We – due to neighborhood growth around the hill – may become a neighborhood church.
  - c) Thinking about "Who our neighbors are", "Who are we called into being in community with?"
  - d) We can continue to thrive and not at the cost of His mission. How can we continue to show our love and tend to this congregation?
  - e) Growth will follow mission.
  - f) Experimentation
  - g) A Plant requires you care for it and it costs money – It's an economic reality.
  - h) You don't want a bait-and-switch – People want you in church because they want your money so the church thrives. It won't work like it did in the 1950's.
  - i) The work of going out and doing for the world takes time.
  - j) In building relationships, you'll try things that don't work. Don't keep doing what's not working.
  - k) It needs to be life-giving, community-building.
  - l) Find what you have the energy to do – and do it well.
  - m) He gives them authority to go out and try – serve the community. He sends them out – They have experiences and share.
  - n) We have a huge evangelism opportunity – "Welcome" and "Neighborly" – To whom are you going to be a neighbor?
  - o) Look at the 2-3 main ministries/outreach/evangelism - Ponder where you will focus. You need to focus on little kids – Look where your bubble is. Having a Youth Minister is not the answer.
  - p) Old ideas of program ministries need transformation (Family Ministries). Youth will get more out of doing here rather than being sent away to do something. Relax and minister to whomever shows up.
  - q) Missional Communities – Says you don't have to go through those doors to feel the love of Christ.
  - r) We want to know that – even if St. Alban's isn't here – 100 years from now things will have happened and will be happening because we were here.

- s) We need to be a HUB – sending out – Disciples follow – Apostles go out
- t) Saving the church is not our job – it sometimes feels that way – but it is not. Bite off what you can chew – do it well.
- u) Appointment of 4<sup>th</sup> Bishop in Texas – will oversee Southern area, Hispanic/Diversity Outreach. February 2019; Bishop Harrison is retiring.

Bishop Doyle's visit concludes with a prayer.

### 3. **Vestry Meeting Follows**

- a) New cash count form will replace old one.
- b) Property –
  - Bids for caulking windows are coming.
  - Drywall bids from Clovis Drywall and Henry's Plastering. Less expensive bid was from Clovis – vestry voted and approved Clovis' bid.
  - Musgrave monies (\$7,000) for signage possibilities are still under discussion
    - Land by Estancia is held by a private residence directly across from church. If this is another "no" then we will see if monies may be used for tree-trimming to make current sign more visible.
    - Tree-trimming bids are in process – may require an on-line vote.
- c) Evangelism –
  - Wednesday's concert – report out – 60 voices, 70 parishioners – wonderful event for everyone in attendance.
  - Parishioner database for staff – Database for staff use (NOT Financials)
    - Minutes
    - Baptisms
    - Memberships (addresses, etc.)
    - Parochial

[www.stalbans.multimediapartners.info](http://www.stalbans.multimediapartners.info)
- d) Finance Committee will meet before Gwen leaves for Norway.
- e) Calendar Reminders
  - May 21, 2017 and July 9, 2017 – Vestry Meetings

Meeting adjourned.