

St, Albans' Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes

Date: 5/21/17 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) | | |

VISITORS: Nick Earl, Dave Saxon

1. Reverend Hensley opened meeting with a prayer. No parishioners' concerns/comments were shared.
2. Land Sale Update
 - New members were given plat maps of property.
 - Dave Saxon presented information.
 - Mark K was trying to purchase part of our land. He was more enamored with the idea than the actual process. He was interested in 8 acres; we own 16 total acres. (*CW Heatherly owns land to our south.*)
 - Due to issues between old and new investors, Mark is no longer participating in the process. He is still invested, but is no longer part of the legal process.
 - New investors have been apprised of details of our contract with Mark.
 - We got them to agree to pay for legal and engineering.
 - New investor has now contacted possible investors in Dallas.
 - Two years of engineering work has been done. If developer isn't interested in the engineering we have already had done – if they want to start from scratch – it may not include our land. If they look at the engineering work that has already been done, it includes our land.
 - If another investor becomes interested in any part of our land, Dave recommends a more formal process be adopted and followed (City of Austin ETJ).
 - Dave's Recommendations:
 - Continue to expend no \$ on the effort.
 - Remain interested and involved.
 - Have conversations with investors/developers as appropriate and as invited.
 - We may need to request annexation to City of Austin so the City would provide water. (\$60,000 for the process - including pipe, labor, release from Creedmor/MAHA water district, permits, etc..)
 - Vestry needed to give opinions regarding person (possible investor) that has requested to "walk the apron"..
 - o Pursue it in case current contract fails.
 - o "I don't see a problem with him walking it – I doubt it will lead anywhere."
 - o If the "walk" looks like it may lead somewhere, we want to take a more formal approach. It was agreed that the walk was okay to take place.

3. Minutes from 4/9 and 4/30 meetings were approved following grammatical corrections.

4. Financials

- Insurance costs have not gone up.
- Altar flowers are consistently over-funded.
- Parish Life line item shows that we can use what we have well and save money.
- Designated funds are unique to non-profits; known as "other" – Discretionary gifts with specified uses. We accepted money with a given specification. Think of them as virtual accounts for a given cause – "Restricted Contributions".
- Do they show up as assets and then disappear when spent? "Yes."
- A small overage was noted on personnel due to a budget miscalculation.

5. Bible Study and Bishop's Visit Debrief

- *Matthew 28:11-20 and Luke 10:1-12*
- In the "Great Commission": Where does the knowledge lie? We are a beacon of light on a hill *and* we need to keep the lights on.
- "The Mission of the 70" Disciples are Apostles – They are "sent out".
- In a different missional context we could have said "Build it and they will come."

Comparisons between Bishop's comments and readings from Mark and Luke were discussed.

- We need to be able to look at what is working.
- He's given us everything we need.
- We're given permission to stop doing what no longer works, should we have an organized way to proceed.

Luke is about building relationships.

- Not every need is a call.
- If we concentrate on healthy relationship, it is like revealing the Kingdom of God.
- That might not look like church. It might be an unusual place; it's a matter of finding our mission.

6. Ministry, Money, and Manna – 9:30am - June 4th

Nick pointed out two things...

1. Our church is ethnically integrated – This should be held up as a celebration
2. Who we serve has remained unclear.
 - Our location
 - To whom are we in service with?

Things that will be covered / lifted up...

- Vitality, participation, statistics, outreach, baptisms, etc.
- Budget
- Naming of financial gifts
- Volunteers #'s and time
- A Take on our Future – Our Missional Context
- All Hands on Deck
- Land Sale Update
- Now is the Time for Us to Try

7. No meeting in June, July's meeting is on the 9th.

8. Closing prayer to conclude meeting.