

Calvary Episcopal Church Minutes

CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
MINUTES OF VESTRY MEETING
April 8, 2018

The April meeting was called to order by Sr Warden Jewlon Morris on Sunday at 1:05 PM. The vestry said an opening prayer for the parish.

Vestry Members Present:

Leslie Amentini	Roy Haley
Jim Kidda	Oscar Lozano
Dorothy Lyons	Scott McLemore
Jewlon Morris	Joyce Strimple
David Taylor	

Also Present: Rev. Paul Wehner, Rev. Lecia Brannon

Vestry Members Absent: Betty Best, Frank Lemkowitz, Missy Marek

Leslie Amentini led the vestry in a devotional based on Rev. John Stuart's homily, Everything Changes.

Rev Lecia Brannon led the vestry in a discussion of The Best of the Vestry Papers Chapter 4, *Spiritual Leadership*. **For the May meeting, vestry members are encouraged to read Chapter 5.**

Review of March Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the March meeting were reviewed for accuracy and approved, following a motion to approve by Dorothy Lyons which was seconded by Leslie Amentini.

Financial Committee Report

- * Revenue appears to be increasing.
- * Advertising reflects efforts to advertise in Del Webb community as well as Herald particularly for Easter services.
- * Lay Training/ Staff Expense reflects Mourners Path training.
- * Vestry costs reflect cost of Vestry books and payment for Vestry retreat venue, expenses occurring early in the year but within anticipated annual budget.
- * Worship-Liturgy/ Miscellaneous expenses reflect the posting of a security guard during the Easter Prayer Vigil. (Easter service revenues will not be reflected until next month)
- * Hurricane Harvey Relief, for which Calvary Episcopal Church's portion, in collaboration with Friends of North Richmond, will be the restoration of the Melton Taylor dwelling, is reflected in restricted fund revenues and expenditures.

Rector's Report

- * Easter attendance at the 10:30 AM service was 310 people, a recent record attendance for a Sunday.
- * Welcome Reception for visitors wanting to know more about Calvary will be at Fr Paul's house on April 22, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. David, Roy, Dorothy, and Jim will represent the Vestry.
- * Calvary Connection Weekend will be May 4 and 5. Vestry encouraged to talk up the event!
- * VPOD schedule was printed out and handed out to vestry members.

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- * Personnel changes: Celeste Davis, has resigned as Calvary's parish administrator. A new parish administrator, Heidi Eland, has been hired and will begin work April 16. Because Heidi has an additional skill set in graphics and marketing, she will spend part of her time as a school employee assisting in Marketing, and Kathy Haley will absorb some of Heidi's operational responsibilities for the church.
- * The Adult Mission Trip will be in Galveston, June 13 - 15. ***The project will be to provide crafts, games, reading and music to children at a CPS facility who have not yet been placed in foster care. Accommodations have not yet been found to stay in Galveston. Participants have the option to commute. 4 men and 8 women are anticipated to participate.***
- * Camp Allen family retreat had to be rescheduled to October 26-28, 2018 because the Bishop will be at Calvary on October 21.
- * Security Update: discussions are ongoing with the party from Calvary Episcopal School interested in donating for enhanced security. The plan being considered now will involve cameras with recording devices rather than an armed guard. The entry ways between the front vestibule and the parish hall will still need to have revised doors to separate school from church activities.

Curate's Report

- * Pastoral Care: Pastoral Care committee currently serves 20 parishioners. A healing service is scheduled for April 29, as is the Blood Drive.
- * Christian Formation - Adult Sunday School will begin April 15 with videos of Bishop N. T. Wright. Betty Anne Taylor will be conducting a study Monday Evenings in Calvary Preparatory Room 1, on Henry Nouwen's *Reaching Out*.
- * VBS - June 18 - 22 This year VBS will be an evening program from 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Part of the reason is to include parenting classes for parents at the same time, with a family therapist.

Sr. Warden Report

- * Vestry spiritual journeys: Jim Kidda and David Taylor presented their spiritual journeys.
- * General Convention: volunteers are still needed.

Jr. Warden Report

- * Spring cleaning day was a success. 22 parishioners participated for a total of 50 hours logged. The bases of the pew cushions have been replaced and the new bases appear to be working out. The balcony appears to bow when crowded and impinges the doors from the narthex to the nave, but the balcony was inspected by a structural engineer in 2010 and found secure. The doors to the nave were filed down and make a sound when closed with a full balcony, but no longer stick.
- * A door specialist will be called to repair the chapel doors and narthex exit doors that don't shut properly.
- * Pest control: The Jr Warden contacted Gillen Pest Control and consolidated the termite, rodent and pest contracts into one contract, resulting in savings. The Jr. Warden will look into a pest control contract for the EYC building.
- * Outside electrical boxes need inspection and possible repair.
- * Flood Control: no new reports. Jim Grotte and the Terry Jordan maintain contact with the City Councils.

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Committee Reports

- * Newcomers Committee: 6 loaves of bread have been delivered and 7 welcome cards. Volunteers are sought for sweet or savory appetizers for the Welcome Party April 22. Calvary Connection Weekend is March 4,5. A special thanks to Ginger Jackson for handling the bread ministry.
- * Outreach Committee: 21 volunteers came April 7 and assisted with the Melton Taylor project, removing old walls and studs and placing some new floor joists. Donations have been coming in well, though financial goal is not yet met.

New Business

- * None.

Old Business

- * None.

The vestry said a closing prayer.

At 3:45 PM, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by
David Taylor, Clerk