

St. John's Episcopal Church  
Minutes of the Vestry Meeting  
Sunday, November 17, 2019

**Present:** J. Beattie, R. Bent, H. Brown, D. Campbell, C. Dubow, B. Futh, D. Gillespie, L. Littlefield, S. McFeely, M.B. Witt

**Absent:** H. Flor

**Also present:** S. Coles, Fr. Hahneman

Father Hahneman opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Wardens' Report:**

Mr. Gillespie welcomed Fr. Hahneman on behalf of the vestry and the parish and thanked him for agreeing to become Priest in Charge, effective in December, and he reported that a three-year contract had been agreed among Fr. Hahneman, St. John's and Bishop Douglas. The terms of the contract were previously approved by the vestry.

Mr. Gillespie also reported on progress with the Nominating Committee, discussed previously. The purpose of the committee is to select a slate of officers, vestry members and delegates, to be voted on at the annual meeting. The committee process was proposed to address wide-spread concerns among vestry members and the parish at large regarding the conduct of the 2019 annual meeting. The committee is instructed to select a slate of candidates to fill the open positions to be voted on at the 2020 annual meeting. The candidates are to be selected from nominations provided to the committee in accordance with procedures it will describe. The slate is to be presented at the annual meeting for an up or down vote. The committee was selected to consist a respected group of parishioners who will not be serving as vestry members in the coming year, and consists of P. Bardel, J. Beattie, and H. Brown.<sup>1</sup> The vestry unanimously agreed to the appointment of the Nominating Committee and the proposed procedures.

**Stewardship:**

The Stewardship Committee reported that it has sent out 78 letters requesting pledges for 2020 and has received 20 responses so far. At this time the amount of pledges received is \$13,040 ahead of the corresponding amount of pledges received 2019. The committee continues to make phone calls to those who have not yet pledged.

**Bazaar Committee:** The Bazaar Committee reported that expenses for the 2019 Bazaar are significantly less than expenses incurred for the 2018 Bazaar, and that we have thus far received commitments from five angels and archangels

**Minutes:**

The Minutes of the October meeting were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

L. Littlefield reported that we currently have adequate cash flow to get through the remainder of the year. He requested that specific questions about finances be directed to hm.

**Other Business:**

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<sup>1</sup> Subsequent to the meeting, Mr. Brown elected to resign from the Committee to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest. The remaining Committee members selected Ted Bent to serve in lieu of Mr. Brown.

There was a discussion of the need to secure the parish house and the church in light of the fact that now parish staff is resident on the premises.

Fr. Hahneman announced his intention to hold several special forums between the 8 o'clock and 10 o'clock services. Also, the 10 o'clock service on December first will be Advent Lessons and Carols, followed by the Eucharist.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Beattie, Clerk of the Vestry