



St. Luke's Episcopal Church Lebanon, Pennsylvania

*He has told you, o mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you?
but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*

The Rev. Dr. David A. Zwifka, Priest-in-Charge
Elizabeth Yocum, Senior Warden
Thomas Buzby, Junior Warden
Richard Thrapp, Treasurer
John Gragson, Clerk of the Vestry

The Vestry, 2017 Term

Terms ending in 2018

Linda Arguedas (Aug 2016)
Soon Slayman (Mar 2014)
Kathy Yohn (Apr 2015)

Terms ending in 2019

Lauralee Gebhard (Feb 2015)
Dan Massad (Feb 2016)
Jason Yannuzzi (Feb 2013)
Elizabeth Yocum (Feb 2017)

Terms ending in 2020

Tom Buzby (Mar 2014)
John Gragson (Mar 2014)
Nicole Hockley (Feb 2017)
Richard Thrapp (Mar 2014)

Minutes of Vestry Meeting held 22 May 2017

This was the third meeting held for the 2017 Term of the St. Luke's Parish Vestry. Soon Slayman was absent.

- I. Father David **opened** the meeting at 7:03 p.m. with a prayer for contemplation.
- II. The '**consent agenda**' (consisting of the minutes, the Treasurer's Report, and reports from the Property and Growth and Development committees) was approved by acclamation without discussion.
- III. **Discussion and Oral Reports:**

Father David presented an oral report as he had been away for his vacation. He noted that the architect, Mike Willimon, whom he had retained to investigate the Rectory issues had characterized the problem as a 'fire code issue' rather than a 'zoning issue'. A more detailed report will be prepared and furnished to Vestry and Property at some point in the relatively near future.

The parish will be participating in Vacation Bible School with the Lutherans again this year as was done in 2015. The classes will be at St. James'.

Father also reported on the diocesan search process for a new bishop, as he has been nominated to be on the search committee. The committee is responsible for evaluating applications and nominating a 'slate' of candidates to the Standing Committee, who will then entertain petitions for nominations prior to the election at a diocesan convention. Due to the timing of the matter (the new Bishop's investiture should be attended by the Presiding Bishop, who is available in October 2018), it is expected that a special diocesan convention will be called for the spring of 2018. Father also reports that the Rev. Anne Kitch will be the Canon to the Ordinary for the diocese, as our former Archdeacon has retired. The question of replacing the Archdeacon will be left to the bishop-elect in due course.

IV. **Old Business:**

- a. The Vestry approved, on motion by Kathy and Lauralee, the expenditure of funds (approximate amount: \$ 6000) from a reserve account to be designated by the Treasurer to accomplish the repairs to the Parish House described in the April Property report; the work had been authorized on an exigent basis by the Junior Warden. Property has obtained the opinion of a structural engineer, who also looked at other joists in the building and in the Nave and the problem is localized and the proposed repairs judged adequate, but relatively urgent.
- b. There was no new information on the Christian Formation position, but Father indicated he will be 'beating the bushes' for candidates. There is still some possibility of sharing the position with the Lutheran Ministerium in the area to make it a full-time position.

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- c. (Item added to the Agenda at the meeting) The Vestry will solicit nominations or volunteers to be diocesan convention delegates for the autumn of 2017 and these persons will be appointed by a special meeting or electronic vote as soon as possible without waiting for the June meeting.
- d. (Item added to the Agenda at the meeting) Linda inquired about the Vestry retreat, but since there was some confusion about the date of the diocesan convention, Father David proposed to 'get back to us' on that and to propose a date in September or October after checking for other obligations.

V. New Business:

- a. The Clerk remarked that the traditional system (used for at least the last ten years) of preparing the minutes was not optimal either in terms of having prompt legal documentation of Vestry action nor of allowing the congregation to have a notion of what the Vestry was up to. The Vestry's actions, after all, are supposed to be public and part of the life of the parish. It was suggested that minutes could be prepared immediately (as opposed to as part of the ensuing month's agenda) and distributed to the Vestry for comment, and in the absence of corrections be deemed approved. Father felt that it would be preferable to simply adopt a policy of provisionally publishing minutes and retaining the formal 'vote' as part of the 'consent agenda', but in any event the minutes will be published to the parish (via the bulletin board and the Web site) if no immediate corrections are made.

VI. The **next meeting will be 19 June**. Persons furnishing reports are reminded to do so by 9 June if possible.

VII. The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:24 p.m. after Compline from the Church of New Zealand's Prayer Book.

Respectfully submitted,



Clerk of the Vestry
23 May 2017