

Minutes of the Vestry
August 11, 2015

PRESENT: T. Bowerfind, Judy Bryan, Jane Flowers, Joe Manous, Cathy McPeck, Grace Pratt, David Riley, Mike Tindle, David Tucker, Beth Wells, Susan Bentley
ABSENT: Eric Phillips, Mike Tindle, Charity Swift, Alan Hope

Summary of Actions and Decisions of this meeting

The following items were approved:

- **Minutes and Treasurers Reports, July 2015**
- **Adoption of Pledge Recommendations as submitted by the Strategic Finance Committee.**

At 7:35 p.m., Tuck Bowerfind led the Vestry in Prayer.

Consent Agenda

- Minutes: July 14, 2015, approved as distributed.
- July Treasurer's Finance and Budget Report, approved as distributed

Mission and Discipleship

- Tuck Bowerfind announced the selection of Kate Weber-Petrova as our new organist, and thanked the committee for their work.

New Business

- Sue Bentley and Joe Manous discussed the lightning strike of June 30, which damaged the new HVAC control system, the Mac on Sue's desk, the phone system, and a few other things. Sue has filed a claim with the insurance company and will submit an estimate upon tallying the damages. We are going ahead with the necessary repairs. The Vestry thanked Sue for her work during the immediate crisis.

Old Business

- Strategic Finance proposal: is it reasonable to increase pledges by 0.5% of annual household income? All agreed that some sentences needed modifications for clarity; Judy suggested that the statement be more spiritually oriented. Joe agreed to get a revised statement to the Stewardship Committee for their meeting tomorrow.
- Vestry Commitment: most Vestry members are willing to commit to increasing their pledge by 0.5% of annual household income; with several Vestry members missing, we will not be able to say that the Vestry is 100% behind the increase, but it is our intent to comply. The Vestry goal will be reviewed in September. Jane Flowers moved that an increase of 0.5% of annual household income as a goal for the church should be accepted, Cathy McPeck seconded, and all approved.

The Vestry meeting adjourned with a prayer at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Bentley, Clerk

ATTACHMENTS: Agenda; Statement for Stewardship Committee; Minutes and Treasurers report of July 2015