

Saint Luke's Episcopal Church
Alexandria, Virginia
Minutes of the Vestry
March 11, 2014

Present: Aaron, Beckford, Bowerfind, Bowerfind D., Bryan, Hope, Lamb, Manous, Pegher, Riley, Silva, Solak, Swift

Absent: Flowers, Phillips, Questad

Guests:

Bowerfind opened the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Those present recited the Lord's Prayer. Lamb gave the reflection

Silva called for a motion to approve the minutes. Bryan noted that on line 16 in the Feb. 8, 2014 minutes the word "respectfully" should be changed to "respectively." Manous made a motion to receive the minutes as amended. Bryan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report was reviewed. It was noted that we were \$17,000 "in the red" where expenditures exceeded income for February 2014. He also noted that we were \$20,000 "in the red" this time last year and that no one should be alarmed because of it. Hope reviewed the treasurer's report, explaining to incoming members how our receipts and expenses are maintained in individual accounts. Silva called for a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Riley moved and Pegher seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Silva shifted to the topic of New Business to the front of the agenda. He called for a motion to approve the request for the annual Saint Luke's Catesby Jones Barbecue. Beckford moved. Pegher seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Riley discussed the need to repair the existing propane gas grill. Beckford said that she would approach Barbecue Committee to fund the repair.

The Administration Committee presented a motion to replace the no longer functioning generator.

The motion: It is moved that the Vestry approve the purchase and installation of a new emergency generator at a cost of \$19,785 plus a five percent contingency. The motion passed with Lamb opposing. Members want the committee to competitively bid projects in the future and indicate the account that will fund such projects. However, the committee did indicate in its original motion which was on the agenda that funds would come from the 2014 capital steeple funds.

Regarding old business, Silva asked that members ask their committees to update its goals and objectives found in the mission.

Regarding the possibility of a capital campaign: Lamb made a motion that the vestry charter a steering committee for the discernment process. Riley seconded. Manous and Lamb agreed that they would select the people to be on the committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Regarding Strategic Financial Plan: Lamb indicated that his committee met last week and additional information on what members should expect from the committee will be forthcoming.

Regarding Pastoral Care: Lamb questioned whether the vestry is taking on too many projects. "Do we have too many things going on?" he asked. "Do we ever have the conversation about taking on projects? Do we take other things off the table in order to do this?"

Bryan, Riley, Silva, and Solak said that they would try to find parishioners who were willing and able to execute the Pastoral Care concept.

Rector's Reports: previously submitted

Associate Rector's Report: previously submitted

Senior Warden's Report: Silva read a series of comments from parishioners that were collected when he and Riley held two forums called "Chat with the wardens." While no particular thread existed among the comments, they did range from the need to incorporate more modern music into services and concern about sharing the facility with other groups.

Junior Warden's Report: none

Invitation Committee's Report

Administration Committee Report

The vestry adjourned at 9:47 p.m.