

St. Martha's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting
July 17, 2017

The Vestry of St. Martha's Episcopal Church met in regular meeting on July 17, 2017 at the church. Fr. Ernesto Medina, Rector, Chris Brockinton, Dario Gheri, Faye Haggard, Chris Lathrop, Gary Lee, Jarrod Reece, Michele Sanchez, Marjorie Shaw, and Mary Quinby, were present. Also present were Nancy Huston, Recorder and Angela Lasher. Steve Henderson and Lu Ann Kluch, were absent.

Gheri opened the meeting with prayer at 10:05.

Lathrop moved that the minutes of the June meeting be approved. Quinby seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report was presented. It included:

Balance Sheet:

- The Ogden family donated \$600 to feeding the homeless during November, 2016. The donation was incorrectly credited to the Memorials sub-account and has been moved to the correct sub-account during June.
- Barring any objections from the Vestry, the \$2,776 that is in the **Thrivant** sub-account will be moved to the Building Capital sub-account, which is the desire of the parishioner responsible for this contribution. The Building Capital sub-account will then contain \$8,660. There was only \$1,544 in this sub-account at the end of 2016.

Budget Reports:

- There was a \$4,373 surplus during the month, giving us a year to date surplus of \$7,116.
- During June, income was \$145 more than budgeted for the month while expenses were almost \$4,228 less than budgeted.
- Year to date, actual Rental Income is \$5,380 more than budgeted, which is the reason overall income is \$2,926 more than was budgeted.
- Year to date, actual Facilities Expense is \$2,315 less than budgeted while Personnel Expense is \$2,949 less than budgeted. Overall, expenses are \$4,190 less than budgeted through the first half of 2017. Costs associated with Rector Insurance and Deductibles are typically negligible until year-end, which accounts for the variance in Personnel Expense.

Editorial comment from Phil Brown, the Treasurer:

The quarterly giving letter for the second quarter of 2017 was the most difficult one I've written, despite the fact we're in the best financial position we've been in during my 42 months as Treasurer. While the numbers do not lie, they can be misleading. Any type of setback (tax liability, air conditioning, roof damage, etc.) can change our outlook at any time. I want our parishioners to be encouraged, but not to be complacent.

Quinby moved that the report be accepted as presented; Gheresi seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Lathrop moved that the Thrivent Donation be transferred to the Building Fund; Quinby seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Medina asked for volunteers to serve at the Newcomers' Brunch to be held on August 6. Lee, Quinby and Brockinton volunteered.

Lathrop reported

- The recent hail storm did not cause any damage to the flat roof. There has been cosmetic damage to the flashing.

Flat roof replacing is being checked. The air conditioning has been repaired.

- The air conditioning has been repaired.
- The lights in the sanctuary need
 - o A new control system
 - o Switch to LED bulbs, a light at a time
 - o Switch ballasts one at a time

Haggar reported that Nebraska Christian college students will be working in churches at no charge the next academic year. Several students, both first and second year students, will be working with us beginning in August.

Medina

- asked for adult interest to work with children to sing with choir at the Cathedral at the Easter Vigil.
- All teachers and Vestry Members must do Safe Guarding God's Children, a course available via of the internet.
- Background checks will be made on teachers.

The Church website will be revamped. Shaw, Medina and Gheresi will work on that. Haggar and Brockinton will also help.

Medina told us of the Diocesan Annual Council to be held in North Platte October 20-21. Shaw, Gherzi, and Beth Agar can represent us. Haggar will serve as an alternate. Lathrop moved that these people be appointed; Quinby seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

There was a brief discussion of the experience of the use of expansive language in worship. The reactions have been positive for the most part.

Lathrop announced that the gym floor will be cleaned, waxed and buffed the last Friday of the month.

Lathrop moved that the meeting be adjourned; Quinby seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:37.

Faithfully Submitted,

Nancy W. Huston

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Addendum submitted by Phil Brown on 6/20/17:

The Balance Sheet was available at the Vestry Meeting.

There was a deficit of \$5,215 during May. Expenses for the month were \$19.00 less than budgeted.

Regarding income:

- Contributions were \$3,600.00 less than budgeted. Both attendance and contributions decline during the summer season.
- Rental income was \$640.00 less than budgeted. Gymnasium rental is minimal during the summer.

Year to date: there is a surplus of \$2,744.00.

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