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Advent Episcopal Church
13150 Spanish Garden Drive, Sun City West, AZ 85375
VESTRY MEETING MINUTES
February 22, 2015

- I. OPENING PRAYER: The opening prayer was offered by Dianne Diaz.
- II. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Sr. Warden, Ray Joseph at 11:30 a.m. Members present: Fr. Gabe, Ray Joseph, Flavia Nomicos, Paula Bachman, Dianne Diaz, Dotty Eubank, Bob Fletcher, Jim Fry, Jeffrey Hyatt, John Long, Pat Stewart, and Barb Wolfe. Members absent: Rev. Emilie. Parishioners present: Don Cox, Tom Carroll.
- III. BIBLE STUDY: Fr. Gabe commented on a selection from Proverbs 11, presented by Dianne Diaz, in which we are admonished to seek wise council before acting. He pointed out that where there is no guidance, a nation falls. Fr. Gabe reminded Vestry members to avoid "parking lot gossip" and explained that when a vote has been taken, the outcome of that vote is the voice of the Vestry, and individual members should not discuss their negative opinions outside the Vestry.
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dotty Eubank moved and Paula Bachman seconded her motion that all previous minutes be approved. The motion carried.
- V. RECTOR'S REPORT: Fr. Gabe had e-mailed his monthly Rector's Activity Report (Attachment 1). He reviewed some recent announcements from the Bishop: It appears that there will be no new prayer book in the near future. There will be a new presiding Bishop. Gay people will be allowed to have legal marriages and new liturgy language will be created for them.
- VI. ASSOCIATE RECTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Emilie submitted a written report in her absence (Attachment 2).
- VII. SR. WARDEN'S REPORT: The announcement schedule and the Bible study list were presented by Ray. He stated that the Vestry is responsible for the Easter Brunch. Barb Wolfe will coordinate this with the ECW. Ray asked each Vestry member to contribute one report about his or her stewardship area to the Luminary during the year. He endorsed Fr. Gabe's earlier remarks concerning voicing of minority opinions. Ray explained that in the future, committee reports will be submitted to the Vestry member responsible for that stewardship and presented to the Vestry by that Vestry member. This procedure should help Vestry meetings run efficiently.
- VIII. JR. WARDEN'S REPORT: Flavia reported that the lights on the East side of Paine Hall on the building have been replaced with motion sensors. She also reported that locks are being installed on the metal doors inside Paine Hall. John Long moved and Dotty seconded the motion that the Jr. Warden's report (Attachment 3) be approved. The motion passed.
- IX. MARKETING: Don Cox presented a report from the Marketing Committee. He thanked and complimented Dotty for her time and attention. He said that the committee has been in effect for three years and reported on their success in bringing people to our location, but commented that once they are there, more aid is needed from parishioners in making them feel welcome. He

presented the Marketing account expenses for 2014 and the anticipated expenses for 2015 (Attachment 4) and the expenditures for the Arts and Crafts Show in 2014 (Attachment 5). The committee's request for \$10,350 for 2015 was approved when the budget was adopted.

- X. TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim Fry distributed the January financials (Attachment 6), pointing out that we broke even for that month. He reported that the company he has been working with has asked for a commitment for \$1200 to begin their work regarding the problems with the air conditioners. He moved and Dianne seconded his motion that this be approved. The motion passed. Jim will keep Flavia in the loop. Jim stated that we have a mini-organ worth \$1500, which Jill Tabata says she sees no future use for. Jim moved and Dianne seconded the motion that we give it to Emmaus. The motion passed.
- XI. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Dianne had submitted her report via e-mail (Attachment 7).
- XII. WORSHIP: Dianne had submitted this report via e-mail (Attachment 8).
- XIII. PARISH VISITORS: Pat Stewart had submitted her report via e-mail (Attachment 9).
- XIV. OLD BUSINESS: With regard to the credit card process, Jim has checked further and will have a specific recommendation at the next meeting. This would allow parishioners to arrange deductions to be taken from their credit cards or bank accounts and paid to the church at pre-arranged intervals.
- XV. NEW BUSINESS: Ray commented that the Lay Leadership Retreat is filled for this year. This has become a very popular event. Paula Bachman moved that this year's list of signers for the bank be accepted. Doty seconded the motion, which was accepted. The Vestry members discussed the problem of noise in the sanctuary while parishioners are attempting to communicate with God. It was agreed that some signage might help people to remember to save their conversations for other times and places.
- XVI. CLOSING PRAYER: Dianne offered the closing prayer.
- XVII. ADJOURNMENT: Barb Wolfe moved and Pat Stewart seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned at 1:05 p.m. The motion passed. The next meeting will be on March 22 at 11:30 a.m.

Attachments: 1. Rector's Activity Report, 2. Associate Rector's Activity Report, 3. Jr. Warden's Report, 4. Marketing account expenses, 5. Arts and Crafts Show expenses, 6. Financials, 7. Christian Education report, 8. Worship Committee report, 9. Parish Visitors report.