

Advent Episcopal Church
13150 Spanish Garden Drive, Sun City West, AZ 85375

VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

March 29, 2015

- I. OPENING PRAYER: The opening prayer was offered by Paula Bachman.
- II. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Ray Joseph, Sr. Warden, at 11:35 a.m. Members present: Fr. Gabe, Ray Joseph, Paula Bachman, Dianne Diaz, Dotty Eubank, Bob Fletcher, Jim Fry, Jeffrey Hyatt, John Long, and Pat Stewart. Members absent: Rev. Emilie, Flavia Nomicos, Barb Wolfe.
- III. BIBLE STUDY: Fr. Gabe commented on a selection from Philipians, chosen by Paula. It advises leaders to "look not to your own interest but to the interest of others." It is a leader's responsibility to serve, not to be served.
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: John Long moved and Dianne Diaz seconded the motion that the minutes of the February 22, 2015 and Dec. 28, 2014 be approved. The motion carried.
- V. RECTOR'S REPORT: Fr. Gabe had e-mailed his monthly Rector's Activity Report (Attachment 1). He stated that the Rector's Retreat, which he attended, was a great success.
- VI. SR. WARDEN'S REPORT: Ray reported that we need a process to be certain that outside groups who use our facility have proper insurance. He distributed a copy of the Parochial Report (Attachment 2), which the Vestry will sign.
- VII. JR. WARDEN'S REPORT: Flavia was not present but had emailed her report. (Attachment 3).
- VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim Fry reported that we have recorded a small operating income for the first two months of 2015. This is a very positive improvement over last year. (Attachment 4).
- IX. CLERK'S REPORT: Paula told the Vestry that the ECW has granted \$500 to pay part of the electric bill. She also related the work of the committee toward assembling a history of the church. Dotty Eubank provided details. Paula moved that the Vestry approve a maximum of \$5000 to be used for the publishing of a book to be made available for sale. Jeffrey seconded the motion, which passed.
- X. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Dianne had sent an e-mail with her report to the Vestry (Attachment 5). She reported that she is encountering some resistance to taking the Safeguarding God's Children course. Fr. Gabe said that taking the course is an absolute requirement for certain ministries. He explained that if anyone is serving on one of these ministries and has not taken it, our insurance would be ineffective and we would have no support from the insurance company or the Diocese if an accusation were made. Therefore, if anyone refuses to take the course, he or she may not serve on that ministry. The Vestry will sign a letter to this effect for Dianne's use.
- XI. WORSHIP COMMITTEE: Dianne had e-mailed her report to the Vestry (Attachment 6).

- XIV. PARISH GROWTH: John distributed copies of his report (Attachment 7).
- XV. *OUTREACH: In Barbara Wolfe's absence, Bob Fletcher read her report (Attachment 8).
- XVI. PATIENT ADVOCACY: Ray had e-mailed his report to the Vestry members (Attachment 9).
- XVII. PARISH VISITORS: Pat had e-mailed her report to the Vestry (Attachment 10).
- XVIII. NEW BUSINESS: Ray told the Vestry that we may apply to the Diocese for financial aid in the improvement of our parking lot safety. He also read a thank-you note from Rev. Emilie for the organ donated to Emmaus.
- XIX. CLOSING PRAYER: Paula offered the closing prayer.
- XX. ADJOURNMENT: John moved and Paula seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned at 1:10 p.m. The motion passed.

Attachments: 1. Rector's Report, 2. Parochial Report, 3. Jr. Warden's Report, 4. Financials, 5. Christian Education Report, 6. Worship Committee Report, 7. Parish Growth Report, 8. Outreach Report, 9. Patient Advocacy Report, 10. Parish Visitors Report.