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**Advent Episcopal Church**  
13150 Spanish Garden Drive, Sun City West, AZ 85375  
**VESTRY MEETING MINUTES**  
March 20, 2016

- I. OPENING PRAYER: The opening prayer was offered by John Long.
- II. BIBLE STUDY: Fr. Harry commented on the line from the Gospel of John, "I am the way, the truth and the life." He said that Evangelicals interpret this as meaning that only in Jesus' name do we get to heaven. He said that the apostles were looking for "the way" – a highway going to a specific place. John is saying, through Jesus, that we're looking at the road itself – parallel journeys in this world and in heaven. The question is "Are you on the path?" His life should be mirrored in our world. It's not the end. It's the path.
- III. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m. by Dianne Diaz, Sr. Warden. Members present: Fr. Harry, Dianne Diaz, Flavia Nomicos, Paula Bachman, Bob Fletcher, Pat Kindle, John Long, Joe Marquis, Herb Norton, Sharon Keefe, and Pat Stewart. Parishioners present: Russell Flack, Treasurer.
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: John moved and Paula Bachman seconded the motion that the minutes of the February 28 meeting be approved. The motion passed.
- V. RECTOR'S REPORT: Fr. Harry reported that he has been visiting the sick, planning Easter week and working on the re-use of Emily's office. He has found a third microphone and is looking for spring hinges for the main doors of the church.
- VI. SR. WARDEN'S REPORT: Dianne distributed copies of the Parochial Report (Attachment 1). Pat Stewart moved and Paula seconded the motion that it be approved. The motion passed. Dianne said that there is interest in a committee to beautify Paine Hall. Sharon Keefe moved and John seconded the motion that the Vestry approves the formation of this committee. The motion passed. Dianne introduced an idea for the identification of ministry items within the church buildings. Each ministry will be assigned a colored dot to be placed on their items and, before removing or re-positioning an item, one should contact the head of that ministry for permission.
- VII. JR. WARDEN'S REPORT: Flavia Nomicos had e-mailed her report (Attachment 2) and the Wish List (Attachment 3). She commented that the meditation fountain is up and running. She reminded the Vestry that a budgeting error resulted in a budget with no funds allocated to Major Maintenance. Russell Flack confirmed this and indicated that each need in this area must be approved by the Vestry during 2016. Flavia stressed the need to repair the area in front of the doors, where the cement is cracking and coming loose. She suggested that we consider selling engraved bricks to beautify the area and raise funds for the project. She will have more information on costs at the next Vestry meeting.

- VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT: Russell Flack had e-mailed the February financials (Attachment 4) and a February Summary Financial Report (Attachment 5). His report should be filed for audit.
- IX. SECRETARY'S REPORT: Paula Bachman repeated her request that Vestry members submit their e-mailed reports in the form of attachments rather than as simply e-mail messages.
- X. COMMUNICATION: Sharon submitted her report by e-mail. (Attachment 6). She reported that Charlotte Versagi will spearhead the National Day of Prayer again this year. She said there are two new volunteers for the library ministry.
- XI. FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: Herb Norton explained the function of Counters and said that we are in need of additions to this group.
- XII. FUNCTIONS & FELLOWSHIP: Joe Marquis stated that we earned \$9,243 from the Rummage Sale, all of which will go to outreach.
- XIII. PARISH GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT: John submitted his report by e-mail (Attachment 7). He reported that there are 11 new people in 2016. The Vestry expressed pleasure at the new badges for Newcomers' Committee members.
- XIV. PASTORAL CARE: Pat Stewart said that the committee will meet on Wednesday and will discuss a mission statement and plans for Mothers' and Fathers' Days.
- XV. VESTRY RESPONSIBILITY: Fr. Harry reminded Vestry members that when the new system with the colored dots is ready to run, Vestry members will be responsible for relaying the information to their committees.
- XVI. VESTRY REPLACEMENT FOR DIANNE DIAZ: Paula moved and Sharon seconded the motion that Sharon Navratil be appointed to the Vestry, with responsibility for Outreach. She will be involved in outreach projects sponsored by ECW and the Men's Club, the Rector's Discretionary Fund, and other parish outreach activities. Sharon seconded Paula's motion, which passed. Dianne will contact Sharon.
- XVII. CLOSING PRAYER: John Long offered the closing prayer.
- XVIII. ADJOURNMENT: Paula moved and Flavia seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned at 1:10 p.m. The next meeting will be on April 24.

Attachments: 1. Parochial Report, 2. Jr. Warden's Report, 3. Wish List, 4. February financials, 5. February Summary Finance Report, 6. Communications Report, 7. Parish Growth and Development Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Bachman  
Clerk of the Vestry