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Advent Episcopal Church
13150 Spanish Garden Drive, Sun City West, AZ 85375
VESTRY MEETING MINUTES
September 28, 2014

- I. OPENING PRAYER: The opening prayer was offered by Pat Stewart.
- II. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Nita Martin, Sr. Warden. Members present: Fr. Gabe, Rev. Emilie, Nita Martin, Nancy Bell, Dianne Diaz, Dotty Eubank, Bob Fletcher, Jeffrey Hyatt, Ray Joseph, Flavia Nomicos, Pat Stewart, Sue Stroofer, Earl Thomas. Parishioners present: Jim Fry, Treasurer.
- III. BIBLE STUDY: Fr. Gabe commented on a reading from First Timothy 6 pointing out that what we do with wealth is important. We should use our wealth for God, asking if it bring us closer to God. If so, enjoy it. This is expressed in Fr. Gabe's letter to the leadership of the church, stressing that we must have the proper attitude toward our possessions.
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Nancy Bell moved and Dotty Eubank seconded the motion that the minutes of the July and August meetings be approved. The motion passed.
- V. RECTOR'S REPORT: Fr. Gabe's monthly Activity Report (Attachment 1) was submitted by e-mail.
- VI. ASSOCIATE RECTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Emilie's monthly Activity Report (Attachment 2) was submitted by e-mail.
- VII. SR.WARDEN'S REPORT: The timing of the Planned Giving presentations to the parish is up to the Strategic Planning Committee. The Vestry suggests that they be scheduled for the first quarter of 2015 in order to avoid any conflict with the stewardship activities and to reach the maximum number of parishioners. Nita asked Jeffrey Hyatt to explain the volunteer recognition event. A committee of Flavia Nomicos, Nita and Jeffrey will meet to plan the details. Nita asked Jim Fry to review his work regarding a prospective Saturday evening service. He has talked with some people and will continue to explore their preferences and suggestions.
- VIII. JR.WARDEN'S REPORT: Flavia's report was submitted by e-mail (Attachment 3). She discussed the need to change the locks, at an estimated cost of \$628 and asked that a committee of JeNiene, Nita, Jeffrey and herself be appointed to discuss the details. Ray Joseph moved and Pat Stewart seconded the motion that a committee be formed with a budget of \$750 from unrestricted bequest funds. The motion passed.
- IX. TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim Fry presented the Financials (Attachment 4). He discussed a credit card bank proposal. Ray moved and Flavia seconded the motion that Jim be authorized to provide detailed information and get an e-mail vote. The motion passed. He asked for budget requests from each ministry for preparation of the 2015 budget. He reported that the move of the endowment fund is close to being finished. It was decided that a special vestry meeting will be held on Thursday, November 13, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. concerning finance.
- X. SECRETARY'S REPORT: An update concerning the Nominating Committee was presented by Earl Thomas (Attachment 5).
- XI. OUTREACH: Ray had furnished his report via e-mail. (Attachment 6).
- XII. GROWTH, NEWCOMERS, STRATEGIC PLANNING: Earl furnished his report by e-mail (Attachment 7).

- XIII. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Dianne Diaz furnished her report via e-mail (Attachment 8).
- XIV. TIMELINE/SCHEDULE FOR STEWARDSHIP: Bob Fletcher presented the schedule for the stewardship campaign (Attachment 9).
- XV. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. The next Vestry Meeting will be held on October 26 at 11:30 a.m. with prayers and Bible Study from Bob Fletcher.

Attachments: 1. Rector's Monthly Activity Report, 2. Associate Rector's Activity Report, 3. Jr. Warden's Report, 4. Treasurer's Report, 5. Nominating Committee Report, 6. Outreach, 7. Growth, Newcomers, Strategic Planning, 8. Christian Education, 9. Timeline/Schedule for Stewardship.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Clerk of the Vestry*