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

VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

April 26, 2015

- I. OPENING PRAYER: The opening prayer was offered by Pat Stewart.
- II. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Ray Joseph, Sr. Warden at 11:25 a.m. Members present: Fr. Gabe, Rev. Emilie, Ray Joseph, Flavia Nomicos, Paula Bachman, Dianne Diaz, Dotty Eubank, Bob Fletcher, Jim Fry, Jeffrey Hyatt, John Long, Pat Stewart, Barb Wolfe. Members absent: None.
- III. BIBLE STUDY: Fr. Gabe commented on a selection from Proverbs chosen by Pat Stewart. It is an exhortation to be steadily religious and applies especially to church leaders. They should know and understand that their duty is to lead a Christian organization, and should, at all times, acknowledge God. It is tempting to begin with religious things and then turn to economics. Church leaders need to remain faithful.
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Bob Fletcher moved and Dotty Eubank seconded the motion that the minutes of the March meeting be approved. The motion passed.
- V. RECTOR'S REPORT: Fr. Gabe explained the renunciation statement recently shared with the Vestry (Attachment 1). He reported that he had e-mailed his monthly Rector's Activity Report (Attachment 2). He then told the Vestry members that he will be retiring September 30. He explained the process involved in the selection of a new Rector, stressing the fact that there will be an Interim Rector for as long as it takes to find the right person, and that the choice of the new Rector is up to the Vestry.
- VI. ASSOCIATE RECTOR'S REPORT: Emilie noted that she had e-mailed her report (Attachment 3). She assured the Vestry that, while her contract expires in July, she will continue to be active at Advent when needed, and will lead the EfM sessions.
- VII. SR. WARDEN'S REPORT: Ray thanked Fr. Gabe for his many years of excellent leadership at Advent and stated that he will continue with all the responsibilities of Rector at Advent until September 30. He explained some of the Diocese rules regarding the transition. An Interim Priest will be assigned by the Bishop. After his retirement, Gabe may not participate in church activities at Advent. The Bishop will meet with the Vestry soon to help establish a search and to discuss the transition. None of the present clergy may be the new Rector. It is the responsibility of the Vestry to name a new Rector. The first step will be to establish a Search Committee, and each Vestry member is asked to present 2 names of potential committee members to Ray, making no commitments to anyone. Ray had emailed the Sr. Warden's Report (Attachment 4).
- VIII. JR. WARDEN'S REPORT: Flavia had e-mailed her report (Attachment 5). She said that there is a need for a new form to be used for hall rentals. Paula Bachman, Barb Wolfe, and Bob Fletcher volunteered to serve with Flavia on a

committee to develop such a form. Flavia told the Vestry about her work in finding a company to re-pave our parking lot. The price is \$12,390 and it is expected to require two days to complete. Jim Fry stated that the money is available in the non-allocated bequest fund. Pat moved and John Long seconded the motion that we proceed with the re-paving. The motion carried. Flavia shared the updated Accident/Incident report form (Attachment 6).

- IX. TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim reported that, through March, our revenue is up 12.3% and our expenses are up 2.1%. We are at a break-even point. Our electric bill is coming down Attachment 7). He has chosen a company, Faith Street, for our on-line giving system. There will be a Luminary article and information on the computer, explaining this system to parishioners. He reminded everyone that Rv. Emilie's contract expires June 30, 2015.
- X. PARISH GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT: John Long presented his report (Attachment 8). He said there are plans to place a new bulletin board with pictures of new members, with their permission, in Paine Hall.
- XI. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Dianne Diaz had e-mailed her monthly Christian Education report (Attachment 9).
- XII. WORSHIP: Dianne had e-mailed her Worship monthly report (Attachment 10).
- XIII. PARISH VISITORS: Pat had e-mailed her monthly Parish Visitors report (Attachment 11).
- XIV. NEW BUSINESS: Ray announced that Tom and Nita Martin have offered their piano to the church. He also stated that he has given permission for Sibyl and Bill Krebs to use Paine Hall for Bill's book signing. He reported that Sue Stroofer has resigned as Verger for health reasons.
- XV. CLOSING PRAYER: Pat Stewart offered the closing prayer.
- XVI. ADJOURNMENT: Flavia moved and Jeffrey Hyatt seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned at 1:23 p.m. The motion passed. The next meeting will be May 24, 2015 at 11:30 a.m.

Attachments: 1. Renunciation Statement, 2. Rector's Report, 3. Associate Rector's Report, 4. Sr. Warden's Report, 5. Jr. Warden's Report, 6. Accident/Incident Report, 7. Financials 8.Parish Growth & Development Report, 9. Christian Education Report, 10. Worship Committee Report, 11. Parish Visitors Report.