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**Advent Episcopal Church**  
13150 Spanish Garden Drive, Sun City West, AZ 85375  
**VESTRY MEETING MINUTES**  
November 24, 2013

- I. OPENING PRAYER: The opening prayer was offered by Ray Joseph.
- II. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Sr. Warden Nita Martin at 11:40 a.m. Members present: Nita Martin, Nancy Bell, Claus Beneker, Dotty Eubank, Flavia Nomicos, Jeffrey Hyatt, Ray Joseph, Earl Thomas, Rev. Emilie. Members absent: Emily Peterson, Sue Stroefer. Parishioners present: Pat Finnell.
- III. BIBLE STUDY: Rev. Emilie commented on Psalm 103, concerning the importance of remembering.
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ray moved and Dotty Eubank seconded the motion that the minutes of the October meeting be approved. The motion passed.
- V. GRANDPARENTS R US PROPOSAL: Pat Finnell, representing the Strategic Planning Committee, presented a proposal that we consider a program to entertain children of neighboring parents in Surprise so that the parents could have some time out (Attachment 1). Claus Beneker moved and Flavia Nomicos seconded the motion that a committee be formed to discuss and begin execution of such a program, stipulating that they determine the legal, financial and manpower requirements. The motion passed. Rev Emilie and Flavia Nomicos offered to be on the committee. It was also recommended that Lynda Smock be asked to participate if time allowed. Vestry members were asked to pass their ideas along to Rev Emilie.
- VI. ASSOCIATE RECTOR'S REPORT: (Attachment 2). Rev. Emilie reported that 9 people will be confirmed or received during the Bishop's visit. She also stated that he will be bringing a 45-minute Power Point presentation to share with the congregation; Vestry are required to be on hand during his visit.
- VII. SR. WARDEN'S REPORT: Nita appointed a committee of Earl Thomas, Nancy Bell, Dotty Eubank, Sue Stroefer, and herself to study the bylaws and recommend any necessary changes. She distributed an announcement schedule for the next several weeks, asking each Vestry member to choose a date to volunteer.
- VIII. JR. WARDEN's REPORT: (Attachment 3). Flavia stated that we need a mixer for the sound system in the sanctuary. The cost would be around \$200. Earl moved that we make available up to \$500 for a system, including installation. Claus seconded the motion, which passed.

- IX. TREASURER'S REPORT: Claus presented the October financials (Attachment 4). He said that pledges for 2013 are running behind. We have a deficit budget and are running behind it. He reported a 2014 pledge update of 162 pledges for a total of \$232,000 and said that there are more pledges to come.

Claus commented that he and Brenda found 3 errors in the Audit Report, which will be corrected.

- X. CLERK'S REPORT: Nancy stated that she has distributed the Nominating Committee's most recent report (Attachment 5). It was decided that pictures of the candidates and their bios will be posted in Paine Hall and they will be introduced during church services prior to the election.

Nancy presented a necessary change to the bylaws concerning the election of the Junior Warden (Attachment 6) to consider for the next Vestry meeting.

- XI. MINISTRY REPORTS: Ministry reports which had been sent to the Vestry members were the Worship Committee Report from Sue Stroefer (Attachment 7) and the Newcomers' Event Report from Earl Thomas (Attachment 8). Dotty announced that the Arts and Crafts Fair was a success and, in spite of the inclement weather, the vendors were very happy with the hospitality of Advent and would return next year if invited.

- XII. NEW BUSINESS: Our building plans and permanent records need to be put on flash drive or portable hard drive. Claus has sorted through the plans and marked them as to their contents. Flavia will investigate the cost of having copies made.

- XIII. CLOSING PRAYER: Ray offered the closing prayer.

- XIV. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 1:25. The next Vestry meeting will be on December 22 at 11:30 a.m. with prayers by Flavia Nomicos.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bell  
Clerk of the Vestry