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Advent Episcopal Church
13150 Spanish Garden Drive, Sun City West, AZ 85375
VESTRY MEETING MINUTES
February 23, 2014

- I. OPENING PRAYER: The opening prayer was offered by Nita Martin.
- II. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Nita Martin, Sr. Warden, at 11:30 a.m. Members present: Fr. Gabe, Rev. Emilie, Nita Martin, Nancy Bell, Dianne Diaz, Dotty Eubank, Bob Fletcher, Jeffrey Hyatt, Ray Joseph, Flavia Nomicos, Pat Stewart. Members absent: Sue Stroefler, Earl Thomas. Parishioners present: Jim Fry, Pat Finnell, Don Cox.
- III. BIBLE STUDY: The bible study, suggested by Nita, concerned Corinthians. We live by faith, not by sight. Fr. Gabe commented that we need to keep in mind that God is greater than we are. He is in control and he loves us. Motives are important to Christians. What we do must be about love.
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ray Joseph moved and Flavia Nomicos seconded the motion that the minutes of the December and Special January 23rd Vestry meetings be approved. Bob Fletcher moved and Ray seconded the motion that the minutes of the new 2014 Vestry meeting following the Annual Meeting be approved. Both motions passed.
- V. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE: Pat Finnell presented the Strategic Planning Committee report (Attachment 1) .
- VI. MARKETING PLAN UPDATE: Don Cox reviewed the Marketing Plan for 2014 (Attachment 2).
- VII. RECTOR'S REPORT: Fr. Gabe shared his monthly Rector's Activity Report (Attachment 3). He also distributed a Hold Harmless Agreement (Attachment 4) to be used when advice is offered to others. Pat Stewart moved and Bob Fletcher seconded the motion that it be approved, as written. The motion passed.
- VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim Fry presented a review of the financials. Dianne moved and Dotty seconded the motion that it be accepted. The motion passed. Jim asked that Bob Fletcher, as Stewardship Chair, be made aware of the information he needs to handle the Stewardship Program. The Vestry agreed.
- IX. ASSOCIATE RECTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Emilie presented her report (Attachment 5) and explained the process and expense picture for a Surprise program. She recommended saving the idea of a Saturday evening service, perhaps in Sun City West.
- X. DISCUSSION OF STRATEGIC PLAN AND MARKETING PLAN UPDATES: The Vestry agreed to take the suggestions of the Strategic Planning Committee under advisement . Dotty Eubank moved and Dianne Diaz seconded the motion that the suggestions of the Marketing Committee be supported by the Vestry. The motion passed.

- XI. SR. WARDEN'S REPORT: Nita distributed the new ministry assignments. She asked each Vestry member to sign to write a Luminary article for one issue during the year. A signup sheet was also passed for members to choose a meeting at which they will provide opening and closing prayers and the Bible Study text. She announced that a flag stand has been presented by the DAR for use in Paine Hall. She said that the date of the March Vestry meeting will be changed to March 30. She shared a letter to Ray and Karen Joseph, thanking them for the loan of their piano to the church. (Attachment 6).
- XII. JR. WARDEN'S REPORT Flavia presented her report (Attachment 7) and discussed the concrete curbs outside the kitchen door and their possible danger. She was authorized to use her own judgment to eliminate the problem.
- XIII. CLERK'S REPORT: Nancy Bell reported that the ECW has researched and received a bid for new tables for Paine Hall. The bid is just over \$4550 with free shipping. The ECW has, with the help of the Men's Club, close to this amount. They would like Vestry permission to sell the old tables and use the proceeds to add to what is needed for this purchase.
- XIV. PUBLICITY: Dotty presented an update on material given to the newspapers.
- XV. RETREAT: Nita led a discussion concerning transportation to the retreat.
- XVI. CLOSING PRAYER: The closing prayer was offered by Nita.
- XVII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m. The next Vestry meeting will be on March 30 at 11:30 a.m.

Attachments: 1. Strategic Planning Committee Report, 2. 2014 Marketing Plan, 3. Rector's Monthly Activity Report, 4. Hold Harmless Agreement, 5. Associate Rector's Monthly Report, 6. Thank you letter to Ray and Karen Joseph, 7. Jr. Warden's Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bell, Clerk of the Vestry