

Unapproved

Advent Episcopal Church
13180 Spanish Garden Drive, Sun City West, AZ 85375
VESTRY MEETING MINUTES
June 29, 2014

- I. OPENING PRAYER: The opening prayer was offered by Dianne Diaz.
- II. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Nita Martin, Sr. Warden, at 10:30 a.m. Members present: Fr. Gabe, Rev. Emilie, Nita Martin, Dianne Diaz, Dotty Eubank, Bob Fletcher, Jeffrey Hyatt, Ray Joseph, Flavia Nomicos, Pat Stewart, Sue Stroefer, Earl Thomas. Parishioners present: Jim Fry.
- III. BIBLE STUDY: The Bible study, suggested by Dianne, was from First Peter – It's not about you. It's about God. Fr. Gabe commented that we're given gifts so that God may be glorified. What we have is not ours. The ultimate aim of grace is the glory of God.
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ray Joseph moved and Flavia Nomicos seconded the motion that the minutes of the April/May meeting be approved. The motion passed.
- V. RECTOR'S REPORT: Fr. Gabe submitted his monthly activity report (Attachment 1). He said that he had been asked to consider support of the Sun City West Community Fund and suggested that this be done when the next budget is being planned. He announced that Jody Lawrence is looking into courses available with Church Next. There will be more information about this at the next meeting.
- VI. ASSOCIATE RECTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Emilie updated the Vestry on her work, with the Youth Director from St. Peter's in Litchfield Park, to consider planting an Episcopal church in Surprise. They have presented the idea to the Bishop, who is enthusiastic about this effort.
- VII. SR. WARDEN'S REPORT: Nita reported that Sibyl and Bill Krebs want to provide protection for our Stations of the Cross, to celebrate their upcoming anniversary. Sibyl will work with the Gift Planning Committee on the details. Ray moved and Dotty Eubank seconded the motion that this be approved. The motion passed. Nita said that there has been a request for a Want Ad board in Paine Hall. Earl Thomas moved and Flavia seconded the motion that this be done. The motion passed. There was a discussion of future summer meeting dates and the Vestry decided to meet on both July 27 and August 24. Nita asked Fr. Gabe to explain the background concerning Canon Dibbs' medical insurance need. Ray moved and Dotty seconded the motion that the cost of health and drug insurance be provided by the church for Canon and Margaret Dibbs for ~~the rest of their lives~~ **the remainder of their lives as long as they reside in the Greater Phoenix Arizona area.** (Attachment 2). The motion passed unanimously.
- VIII. JR. WARDEN'S REPORT: Flavia reported that the replacement of the bulbs in the church, with LED lights, will require a lift and the total job is estimated to cost \$2893. It was agreed that this will fall under Major Maintenance. Flavia reviewed her monthly report. (Attachment 3)
- IX. TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim Fry reviewed the Financials. (Attachment 4). He stated that he has been pursuing an auditor for our upcoming audit and has two possibilities. Ray moved and Sue Stroefer seconded the motion that the Vestry approve one of them at a cost not to exceed \$6000, depending upon whether the first choice will give us a hard number in his bid. If he will not, the other candidate

will be selected. The motion passed. Jim presented the proposed Investment Policy (Attachment 5). Ray moved and Dianne seconded the motion that it be approved. The motion passed. Dianne raised a question concerning the Other Specific Purpose Funds, suggesting that if the money is left for over five years, **the specific club should be made aware of the monies and given the opportunity to either use the money or put it in** ~~it should be returned to~~ the operating fund to be used at the discretion of the Vestry. This will be considered when the new budget is being drawn up.

- X. SECRETARY'S REPORT: Nancy Bell had submitted the names of those who agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2015 (Attachment 6). Sue moved and Earl seconded the motion that the committee be accepted. The motion passed. Copies of the updated Bylaws were distributed (Attachment 7).
- XI. STEWARDSHIP: Bob Fletcher presented his report on plans for the Stewardship Campaign.
- XII. MINISTRY REPORTS: Reports were submitted for the Worship Committee from Sue (Attachment 8), the Marketing Committee from Dotty (Attachment 9), Christian Education from Dianne (Attachment 10) and Outreach from Ray (Attachment 11).
- XIII. CLOSING PRAYER: The closing prayer was offered by Dianne.
- XIV. ADJOURNMENT: Earl moved and Ray seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned at 12:45 p.m. The next Vestry meeting will be on July 27, with prayers by Nancy Bell.

Attachments: 1. Rector's Activity Report, 2. Resolution re Canon Dibbs medical insurance, 3. Jr. Warden's Report, 4. Financials, 5. Investment Policy, 6. Nominating Committee Report, 7. Updated Bylaws, 8. Worship Committee Report, 9. Marketing Committee Report, 10. Christian Education Report, 11. Outreach Report.