

Meeting called to order 12:05p on 5.15.16 by Vestry Chair, Judy Manning. 102 Attendees.

Minister, Rev. Danny Reed, provided annual reports. Full and difficult year with topics and events of Mother Emmanuel AME shootings, security and safety issues, moving to 2 services, maintenance of church. Remember Billie Hall, Jeff Nichols, Daniel Schiffer, Patricia Wieter, Rev. Pickney and the 8 other Emmanuel AME members that have passed.

Vestry Chair, Judy Manning

- Gave thanks to the following: Vestry, Sandra Selvitelli, Danny Reed, Terry Walsh, and Preston Nolan (Treasurer), staff, choir and those who served on boards or committees or helped out. 52% of members have done some work in the church.
- Church maintenance: Reported FEMA loan for church repairs due to October flooding was not feasible due to flood insurance requirements. Money had been found for erosion damage under the foundation from personal donation. Still looking for money to fix roof which will cost \$15,000.
- Discussed 3 church projects
 - All canvas audit with Glenn Keyes for future ideas on how to utilize current space to accommodate growth
 - Sound upgrades in sanctuary
 - Acoustic baffling in Gage Hall. EIB & the Alliance to fund this.
- Adoption of Agenda motion. 2nd: Jonathan Lamb. All in favor.
- Approval of Minutes Motion: Priscilla Shumway, 2nd: Paige Wistoski. All in favor.
- House Rules motion: Ed Stevens, 2nd: George Tempel. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report- read for ourselves

Budget review by Richard Hayes

- Last year budget 2015-16 was \$499,000
- 2016-17 proposed budget is \$513,000
- Costs \$10,000 to open doors each Sunday
- \$14,000 carry forward from 2015-16 will be applied to take care of staff
- Questions from congregation:
 - Judy Bruce: would like to see full budget from 2015-16
 - Hillary Nelson: sad we are not full fair share to UUA. Richard Hayes advised \$23,000 was sent to UUA for 2015-16 share. Vestry chose to allocate any extra money to staff salaries. Judy Manning advised excess proceeds from church auction were applied in the following manner: \$5500 to CAJM and \$4500 to UUA. And any extra money from budget would be applied to Landmark Endowment Fund for the limewash of the roof. Will only be shorting our UUA fair share by \$5k.
 - Bob: wanted to know the consequence of not paying full fair share to UUA? Richard Hayes advised if we had to call a new minister, UUA would help fair

share churches first. Larger churches tend to have difficulty making 7% of their fair share. At \$20,000, we are giving more than any church in SC including Greenville.

- Cecil Bennett: can speakers identify themselves?
- Lisa Hajjar: concerned service auction budget is close to what it was last year. Richard Hayes advised there is a \$5,000 cushion.
- Judy Bruce: no sliding scale for UUA dues. Larger churches are healthier and sliding scale system would work better.
- Motion to approve budget: George Tempel, 2nd Paul Garbarini. Majority in favor. 3 opposed.

Safety and Security review by Carol Tempel

- Risk assessment of detailed emergency plan and building security performed via Forum and feedback from 3 sessions.
- Safety plan includes:
 - 2 difibrillators, walkie talkies in sanctuary and Gage Hall
 - Safety Volunteers: assist with emergencies. Thanks to David Ruef and Sheila Scarborough.
 - Safety tips: training to staff and volunteers
 - Evacuation protocols and practice cards in pews
 - Staff meeting with companies to provide bids for fire and emergency safety upgrades this week
 - Implementation review to Vestry in a few weeks
 - FEMA recommended that church be aware of safety protocols and evacuation procedures
- Questions:
 - Judy Bruce: wants to know where First Aid kits are located. CT answered: downstairs in hallway between kitchen and main room in Gage Hall and in the steward room in the sanctuary.

Election of new Vestry: Judy Manning

- Judy Manning nominated: Tommy Hughston, Richard Nelson, Gail Schiffer
- Nominations from the floor: none
- Motion to approve TH, RN, and GS to Vestry made by Carol Tempel, 2nd by Paul Garbarini. Majority in favor. 0 opposed

Nomination for Nominating Committee

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- Nominations from floor: none
- Motion to approve ? to nominating committee by Nancy Simpson, 2nd by Lisa Hajjar

Nominations to EIB

- Nominations for Karen Abrams and Mike Griffith to be added to EIB made by Judy Manning.
- Motion to add KA and MG to EIB made by Lisa Hajjar, 2nd by Paul Nelson. None opposed.

Call for any new business and Motion to adjourn made by Richard Hayes around 1p.

- Motion to adjourn: Lisa Hajjar, 2nd Marilyn Moore

Flame extinguished: Vestry Chair, Judy Manning