

UC-CHS Vestry Minutes from 5.12.16

Present: Judy Manning, Jonathan Lamb, John Klintworth, Sue Weller, Erica Hattings-Brodeur, Maureen Porter, Sandra Selvitelli, Danny Reed

Absent: Steve Simon, Frank Hardie

1. Review and approved agenda for upcoming Congregational Meeting set for 5/15/16
2. Check in: Erica's mother in law was diagnosed with cancer a few days ago. Members offered support.
3. Minister's Report:
 - Provided positive feedback about Between the World and Me book discussion.
 - Feedback on CAJM and feedback session. Some people are done with CAJM over concerns about using same past tactics.
 - Went to rally in Columbia, SC, an adjunct of Gun Sense. 21 UC-CHS members were present.
 - Thanks to Vestry for taking leap of faith and handling issues liked armed security, flood waters, and insurance.
4. Judy reiterated sentiments by Mike Griffith regarding CAJM: regardless of the process, at least they're able to come up with spot on topics and specific asks.
5. Judy moved to accept consent agenda. 2nd motion: Maureen Porter. All in favor.
6. Nina: Vestry Policy 22. Moved to add energy savings measures and environmentally friendly building practices. Revision from 2015 tweaked language once composting process started. Motion to accept: Erica Hattings-Brodeur. 2nd motion: Jonathan Lamb. All in favor.
7. Erica will present policy revisions at next meeting.
8. Reviewed April financial statements for March ytd.
9. Vestry discussed what to do with excess CARRY FORWARD from 2015-16. We have \$15,000 budgeted for general operating expenses but what if we have more?
 - Hillary Nelson requested last year's budget for comparison.
 - We still owe \$5500 to UUA for fair share.
 - Estimated \$15k carry forward for 2016-17 budget. Was asked if \$15k is actual carry forward, is Vestry ok with paying fair share to UUA?
 - Currently \$21k behind in collecting 2015-16 budget

-Judy advised huge underspending from Building & Grounds: \$7k under for 2015-16.

- Mike Griffith and Donna Reyburn wrote check for repairs of erosion damage under the church.

-\$38k from Landmark Endowment Fund leftover from Capital Campaign. Need to ask Nolan about starting amount, which may have been \$69k.

-Question raised about where will any carry forward be applied? Maybe repair old and new termite damage (est. \$4-5k to address).

-Erica suggested to tent treat for termites. Judy advised this would cost \$40k and Gage Hall would not be usable for several weeks.

-Ninca suggested contact Clemson Extension guy to get more information on best remedy since both Palmetto and Terminix suggested different solutions.

-Safety and Security committee identified 2 side doors in Sanctuary and bottom door in Gage Hall need to be rehung.

-Jonathan brought up several maintenance issues are currently not budgeted and so maybe use carry forward for these issues.

-Sandra asked about long term planning. Constitution has it but not adhered to.

-Jonathan still uncomfortable there is no long term savings plan for Bldgs. & Grounds (Landmark Endowment Fund). Maureen agrees since it's our main responsibility to ensure our church is still here.

-Consensus to move excess Carry Forward to Landmark Endowment Fund.

10. SECURITY MONITORING- Judy

-5 companies came in to review campus, three provided estimates for monitors: Charleston Security Systems (CSS) & Bass met with Judy and John Narkunas.

-Safety & Security committee, John and Judy will go over proposals.

-CSS estimate was \$10k higher. Vestry has constitutional authority to make judgment on contracts equivalent to 10% of the operating budget minus staff salaries, , which will be \$16k this coming year.

-Carol Tempel will do annual report about security improvements.

-Upgrade of fire alarm system in annex proposed and cited as high priority and then monitoring systems (camera).

-Use this year and next year EIB money to complete security recommendations.

-The EIB Vestry Project money should pay for the Safety and Security needs. The EIB is also being asked to provide money for:

1. Audio upgrades in Sanctuary
2. Acoustic baffling in Gage Hall
3. Finish Glenn Keyes proposed renovations drawings/long range campus plan

11. Judy advised there has been interest from developers to purchase all parking spaces for high end condos. This topic will come up again in the future.

12. Assigned jobs for ANNUAL MEETING

-Jobs: Sue-minutes. 4 clipboard people: Maureen, Jonathan, John and Nina.

-25% of 420 members needed for quorum= 105 members.

Meeting adjourned 7:00p.
Respectfully submitted by Sue Weller