

St. James Episcopal Church Vestry Retreat
Saturday, 16 June 2018
Business Portion of Retreat

Present: Mary Hopkins Chamblin, Jim Daniell, Drew Downey, De Freeman, Bill Goetter, Callie Grissett, George Huckabay, Bob Keyser, Mary Jayne Ledgerwood, Terry Moore, Bruce Stone, Effie Thompson, Dylan Wells, and Travis Youngblood

At 8:39 am Senior Warden Bob Keyser called the meeting to order; Rector De Freeman opened in prayer.

Bob led discussion of the *Treasure Principle* as a building block to stewardship. Following this discussion Bob began to lead the business portion of the retreat.

Approval of May minutes

Travis Youngblood made a motion to approve the May minutes.

Effie Thompson seconded the motion.

All voted in favor to approve the May minutes.

May financials discussion

We are 19K behind budget, but 34K ahead of last year at this time. We are a little over budget (\$11,500), primarily because of outreach. The cost to redo the church floors and the window replacements is coming out of the Building Fund. The cost of the new portico and redoing the handicap ramp is made possible because of a gift that was made a couple of years ago. The new ramp across front of church will make us ADA compliant. People struggled to push wheel chairs up the old ramp.

A question was raised about the status of the electronic chair lift located in the upstairs meeting room. Conversation ensued about the chair lifts being moved and if they are operable. Callie asked that it be recorded for the record that the choir room is not handicap friendly. Bob expressed that we need to come back to visit this.

St. James School update

Bob reported on the Wilson Hall renovations and encouraged folk to take a walk-through. A down payment of \$28K has been paid for the playground equipment, which is due here in July. Another work party is scheduled. Dylan inquired about a playground grant. We are installing the equipment ourselves to save some money.

A motion was made by Callie Grissett to accept the funding proposal for the school.

The motion was seconded by Drew Downey.

All voted in favor of this motion.

Junior Warden report

Bruce shared that the first outdoor sign has been installed on the middle French door of Green Hall. Windows should get started on this week. Floors are refinished, completed, and the runners are going back in. He asked that if anyone hears any

complaints about the grounds to please let him know. Bruce says we've done everything we've planned to do except install the concrete steps behind the kitchen and repair the trash can gates. We are relocating the storage shed so that the playground can use the slab. The shed will be relocated to a new 20x30 slab at the edge of the south parking lot. We have three bids for this project. The cost to do everything is estimated to be \$4752; Bruce wants approval for \$5000. Terry Moore made the motion to approve these funds. George Huckabay seconded the motion. All voted in favor of this motion.

Coventry Choir scholarship request

De read a scholarship proposal for Coventry Choir from Helen Rodgers that would support those who come faithfully to rehearsal. Many questions were posed, so Jim suggested that the details get ironed out so the vestry could make a decision. Bruce Stone moved to send to the Finance Committee. Travis Youngblood seconded this motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

Miscellaneous

Travis thanked vestry for giving answers that she can take back to parishioners.

Terry reported the current school enrollment of the school.

The business portion ended and the retreat continued.

Submitted by Mary Jayne Ledgerwood