

**Regular Meeting of the Vestry**  
**THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, ARDMORE, PA**  
**Tuesday, June 7, 2016**

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**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Chris Butto, Joan Cesare, Sarah Farnsworth, Paul Joslin, Stephen Krouse, Susan LaBrake, Rob McGarvey, Janet Reddin, Catherine Stuart, The Very Rev. Ryan Whitley

**Absent:** none

Supplemental Documents:

a) April 2016 Financial Report

The meeting convened at 7:05 p.m.

**OPENING BUSINESS**

- Opening Prayer
- Approval of the May 2016 Minutes  
A **MOTION** was made by Chris Butto to approve the minutes for the May 2016 meeting as amended.  
The motion was seconded by Paul Joslin.  
It passed unanimously.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

- Paul met with two more asphalt contractors about repairing the large pothole in the parking lot. One wasn't interested in working on small areas. The other wants a minimum of \$5,000 to come out, and quoted \$56,000 to do the entire lot. He added that if we do the whole lot we wouldn't need to seal it for five years. He also quoted \$600 to stripe the entire lot. He added that the cost of asphalt is currently low, however the majority of the cost is labor. Mike, a parent from The Ark, is coming on Saturday to put together another bid. Catherine has informed Jack Tinkler that paving the parking lot is being moved up in the list of priorities for the Capital Campaign.
- Fr. Ryan reported that some decorative lettering in the stonework around the Sulgrave entrance has fallen off. Keith Pound will be asked to assess the situation. Fr. Duffey has expressed interest in helping to pay for these repairs.
- Fr. Ryan was contacted by Matt Hutelmeyer, a caterer who is interested in renting St. George's kitchen for two days a week this summer (15 days, from 2 to 7PM) in order to expand his "[Dinners To Your Door](#)" delivery service to include a pickup option. The Vestry was receptive to the idea but asked for more information including (1) does he want to store food in our refrigerator on "off-days"? (2) what kind of signage would he want to post? Approval of the rental would be contingent on his receiving health department approval and naming St. George's as an additional insured on his policy.
- Paul will ask Brian Chester to look at the Rectory porch to see whether patching and painting will be sufficient to repair the post. If so, Mark Alston will handle it.
- Paul said The Children's Ark continues to obstruct fire exits. Currently there is a large bag of empty bottles and a desk and chairs at the top of the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor stairs. Paul will post "Fire Exit: Keep Clear" signs. A clause will be included in the Church/Ark agreement that is currently under development stating that egresses must be kept clear.
- Sarah reported the dogwood tree in the middle of the parking lot cannot be revived. She suggested replacing it in the fall.

## **SOCIAL, OUTREACH, CALENDAR AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- Upcoming events:
  - Aid for Friends Cook-in – Sunday, June 12 after 10AM service
  - Bring Your Own Meal – Sunday, June 12, 5-8PM (also July 10 and August 14)
  - Chicken BBQ – Saturday, June 18, 11AM until sold out [Organizers: Chad Strickland and Andy Coonradt].
  - Annual outdoor service – Sunday, June 19, 10:30AM at Merry Place on Glendale Rd, Havertown
  - Consecration service for Bishop-Elect Gutierrez – Saturday, July 16, 11AM at New Covenant Church, 7500 Germantown Avenue
- Paul reported that the Youth Battle of the Bands held on May 21 was not as lucrative as previous years but helped develop good contacts with local bands and sponsors. The Sofa Kings have agreed to loan their backup sound and light equipment to next year's event.
- Fr. Ryan mentioned that at the Corpus Christi Eucharist on May 26, Bishop Daniel opted to wear the vestments that Donna DiPaulo made.
- Catherine distributed a proposal from the Outreach Committee to build a St. George's float to be entered in the Haverford Township Day parade on October 1st. Donna DiPaulo has volunteered to coordinate this effort. It was the Vestry's judgment that if the funds for this project are coming from the Outreach budget then Vestry approval is not needed. Their suggestions to the organizers were: (1) to purchase the proposed 8' x 3' banner online from [Banners On The Cheap](#) and (2) to ask parishioners to donate the candy and/or other giveaways that will be distributed from the float.

## **STEWARDSHIP**

- On May 15<sup>th</sup> Harry Urian gave a "What St. George's means to me" talk at the 10 o'clock service.
- Fr. Ryan reminded the Stewardship Committee that now is the time to think about the next Stewardship campaign and begin recruiting additional committee members. The Committee's current plan is to start the campaign as early as September 18<sup>th</sup> and schedule Commitment Sunday on October 16<sup>th</sup>. The campaign will be interrupted by the observance of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi (Pet Blessing).

## **FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION and WORSHIP**

### **Accounting Warden's Report**

- Rob presented the April 2016 financial report.  
A **MOTION** was made by Catherine Stuart to receive the April 2016 financial report.  
The motion was seconded by Joan Cesare.  
It passed unanimously.
- Rob mentioned that twice in the past three months the accountant has failed to issue checks on schedule (every two weeks). He wishes to investigate alternatives, perhaps hiring a part-time bookkeeper or expanding the responsibilities of the parish administrator. The suggestion was made to ask other churches what they are doing. Fr. Ryan, Rob and Kelly will sit down to discuss this topic further.

## **Rector's Report**

- Fr. Ryan discussed the request received from the Diocesan Transition Committee that parishes and individuals contribute to a fund to buy vestments for Bishop-Elect Gutierrez. He pointed out that if the stated goal of \$10,000 was split evenly among the 135 parishes, each congregation's share would be \$75. He reported that at their most recent meeting the Merion Deanery decided that all donations to the fund from their churches will be split in half, with half going to charitable giving. Catherine will talk to the head of the Outreach Committee, Bernadette Matthews, about the possibility of contributing \$200 from the Outreach budget for this purpose.
- Fr. Ryan passed around a letter of thanks from Julie Ricci.
- Fr. Ryan reminded the Vestry that the consecration service for the new Diocesan bishop will be at 11am on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at New Covenant Church, 7500 Germantown Avenue. Volunteers are needed to serve as greeters, ushers and choir members, and to help host the reception afterwards. Parishioners will be invited to carpool from St. George's.
- Adore Before the Shore midweek Eucharists will occur on most Wednesdays in June, July and August, in Jerusalem Hall from 7 to 7:45 pm.
- On Sunday, June 19 the 8AM and 10AM congregations will combine for an outdoor service at 10:30AM at Merry Place (on Glendale Road in Havertown). Parishioners will be invited to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy together afterwards.
- The women's AA group that meets at St. George's on Monday nights recently celebrated their two-year anniversary. Over 50 women attended. They sent a letter expressing their deep thanks to St. George's for the use of the space.
- Fr. Ryan participates in a group called the Ministerium, consisting of local clergy and township leaders. He mentioned several upcoming Ministerium activities:
  - A massive food-packaging event that will be held on the second or third Saturday in November.
  - A "big tent" event, inspired by a talk given by a Scottish Presbyterian minister commenting that churches tend to provide services and support for their own parishioners and for the homeless, but nothing in between. The idea is to create a day-long series of events for the whole community. This will take at least a year to plan.
- Church of the Good Shepherd, Rosemont will host a fundraising dinner for St. James School in the first or second week of October. The food will be cooked by the chef at St. James and the wine will be donated by Moore Brothers.
- An Epiphanytide choir concert will be scheduled with other Deanery choirs. It will be a fundraising event for the Ardmore Food Pantry at St. Mary's, Ardmore.

## **Rector's Wardens' Report**

- Capital Campaign Update – ceiling fans. Paul reported that B. A. Fans has agreed to honor the 10% discount offer that we received in the mail. Manufacturing has started on our order. Upon completion a separate organization will do the painting so they will determine the delivery date, but sometime in July still seems possible.

## **SHEEP CONCERNS**

Class of 2017  
Paul Joslin  
Robert McGarvey, *Accounting Warden*

Class of 2018  
Chris Butto  
Susan LaBrake  
Catherine Stuart, *Rector's Warden*

Class of 2019  
Joan Cesare  
Sarah Farnsworth  
Stephen Krouse  
Janet Reddin, *Secretary*

**AFFIRMATIONS**

To Harry Urian for his "What St. George's Means to Me" talk.

To Mary Hobart and David Farnsworth for leading morning prayer last Sunday (June 5).

**ADJOURNMENT**

A **MOTION** was made by Rob McGarvey to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded by Catherine Stuart.

It passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Reddin, Secretary