

Vestry Digest
April 22, 2018

PRESENT: The Rev. Javier Garcia Ocampo, Senior Warden Betsy Hasegawa, Junior Warden Janet King, Vestrypersons Rose Buck, Gordon Donnelly, Susan McLaughlin, Zadinga Ogada, Luis Pedron, John Pruessner, Berenice Rodriguez and Bob Waters. Absent: Meredith Horan. Guest: Curt Lindsay/Worship Committee Co-Chairman.

The meeting opened at 1:30 p.m. with a short prayer led by Janet, and check in around the table.

CONSENT AGENDA: Berenice moved that the consent agenda be adopted as presented. John seconded the motion, and it passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Worship Committee Report. Curt reported on the Worship Committee's recent meetings. They had agreed that everyone will have to give up something from their favorite service in order to fairly combine four previous services (9:00, 10:15, 11:15 and 5:00) into a single one at 10:00, beginning on May 6. Eye-catching posters, fliers and banners with times of the new services are needed. Some decisions will have to wait until our new Minister of Music is hired. The Vestry discussed which building to hold each service in. Janet made a motion that all three new services be held in the main building; Luis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. There was further discussion on how to most effectively use the chapel building.

Music Minister search; update. John reported that there are three finalists for the job, all with excellent qualifications. The committee has a final meeting with a candidate on Thursday, after which a quick decision will be made. Salary was discussed, as was the need for the selectee to be aware that we are in transition. Rose volunteered to research appropriate salary information. It was noted that Karina Gomez, our 11:15 ensemble leader, would be happy to volunteer her services when and if needed. Luis brought up music at the Spanish language service; Jesse Velazquez has been providing the music for free for the last year and a half. He's created a choir and is wonderful on the piano. The previous music provider at that service was given a salary; the Vestry agreed that Jesse should be compensated.

Vestry members conversations with parishioners. Bob has spoken to a number of parishioners about their thoughts on the transition. Everyone he talked to was surprised and delighted to have been contacted for their opinions and reported loving Ascension, our community and our 1A Sundays. Most were open to whatever our services may become, although a few preferred traditional services.

NEW BUSINESS

Committees – refresh, renew, establish. Betsy reminded us that the Vestry is doing a lot of the church's business that should instead be done by committees. Vestry discussion included perhaps having parishioners volunteer their services in appropriate cases as opposed to hiring outside firms. Rose suggested using the bulletin to ask for volunteers.

Bulletins. Starting with our May 6 services, there will be only one bulletin for the 8:00 and 10:00 services. Hymns will be listed by number and sung from the hymnals, instead of being printed in the bulletin. This should result in a substantial savings, both in Eleni's time and in paper and copying costs.

Ascension House rental. We have tried to find a renter for part of Ascension House for many months; it was agreed that the effort should end. With all services to be held in the main church, the Vestry felt we had a much better chance to rent the chapel. Janet made a motion that Frank Sanya be asked to end his search for a tenant for Ascension House, with the warm thanks of the Vestry for his endeavors. Motion was seconded by Zadinga and passed.

Regarding rental of the chapel, Berenice and Luis pointed out that the chapel has way too many chairs (obstacles to leaving in an emergency) and that the chapel seems to be a storage area for quite a variety of items. Berenice felt the chapel should be kept at all times in a clean, uncluttered, well laid-out, and attractive appearance for potential renters. It was agreed that the excess chairs should be put in the lower atrium around the walls, thereby providing extra seating when needed.

OPEN MIC

Luis brought up fund-raisers that Spanish language congregation has planned, with the question of who/what should benefit from them. It was suggested that perhaps Jesse could be paid from the proceeds.

John reported that Lin needs to have the former nursery cleaned out. She doesn't know who should be responsible for it.

Sari was asked to add Pentecost to the Parish Life calendar.

Due to the fourth Sunday in **May** being Memorial Day weekend, the Vestry agreed to hold the May meeting on the third Sunday, May 20th.

ADJOURNMENT: At 4:22 p.m., Janet moved that the meeting be adjourned. Rose seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sari Stoddard
Clerk of the Vestry