

Church of the Resurrection Vestry Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2017

Voting Vestry Members					
Stewart Ruch	X	Martha McGraw ('15-'17)	X	Sarah Graham ('16-'18)	X
Dan Easley	X	Margaret Philbrick ('15-'17)	X	Steve Delzell ('17-'19)	X
Don Dumper	X	Chris Keil ('16-'18)	X	Elise Tomlin ('17-'19)	X
Kate Laney	X				
Non-Voting Attendees					

- Stewart provided an update on the Strategic Planning Report. The Executive Team is working on a 5-year vision/strategic planning statement. Vestry will have a chance for review and feedback in September. The WIN Teams on communication, engagement, and worship continue to develop their plans and proposed next steps. One item that all three teams is working on is the common area “through-way” (Narthex, Rez Café, Activity Center). Possible financial needs for these WIN team next steps will be discussed in September. We will have two meetings in September (9/11 and 9/18). Vestry discussed the need to have the 5-year strategic plan in place in order to make decisions on Moved by Jesus spending.
- Dan explained the work the WIN team has been doing regarding our service times on Sunday mornings. During the month of October we will experiment with moving times to 8:30 and 10:30 am. We may return to the original times, or shift to 8:45 am/10:45 am depending on the outcome of the experiment. The vestry discussed whether we could cordon off some sections in the smaller service, and if the experiment needs to be 2 months instead of 1 month. We’ll present it as a change that will be re-evaluated at the end of the period rather than a trial or experiment.
- Stewart presented an initial proposal to consider incorporating & fully integrating Iglesia de la Resurrecion (a Spanish-speaking congregation in the Greenhouse) into Rez. There’s a building question; integration of churches question; and leadership question.
- Dan updated the vestry on the mission’s team short term mission policy: short term teams should be focused on an existing long-term missionary or global partner relationship; missions team will vet all such requests. Lois Easley is going to Chad (possibly with 2 others) to serve Tillie Tiller and the TEAM missions conference there. They will fundraise this as a COR-sponsored activity. Long term the goal would be to increase the short-term missions line item in the budget; and to build in short term missions opportunities as part of the Good Friday gift day. The vestry recommended reviewing best practices in short term missions (missiology research), both for these trips and for youth ministry. The vestry also discussed the need for Barnabas teams for all missionaries, and how best to leverage Barnabas teams in short term missions.
- The vestry discussed the financial reports.

- Stewart and Dan updated the vestry regarding the pastoral resident interview process. The vestry affirmed their commitment to the current levels of funding for the pastoral resident position for the next two years.

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Motion: Dan motioned that Church of the Resurrection change its fiscal year to a July through June fiscal year beginning July 2018. Kate seconded the motion. Unanimously approved by all the voting members present.

- The meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.

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