

MINUTES  
MEETING OF THE VESTRY  
PALMER MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Tuesday, February 16, 2016

Members in attendance

Neil Willard, Rector  
Courtney Daniell-Knapp, Sr. Warden  
Ruth Davies  
Will Denham  
Ellee de Groot  
Pam Harvey  
Stuart Kensinger  
Jim Lober, Clerk  
Allison Marek  
Jim Mercurio, Jr. Warden  
Steven Vaughan  
Kirk Waldron  
George Webb  
Marie Wehrung  
Trent Williams

Members unable to attend

Abigail Butler

Other Clergy in Attendance

Dub Brooks  
Alex Easley  
Linda Shelton

The monthly meeting of the Vestry of Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2016, at the Church. The meeting commenced at 5:30 p.m.

**Community:**

**1. Time of Sharing and Opening Prayer**

Rev. Shelton gave the opening prayer and the Senior Warden, Courtney Daniell-Knapp, asked for prayers and thanksgivings.

**2. Welcome and overview of role of vestry in church life**

Neil Willard shared his thoughts on the roles of the vestry and read from resources describing in various ways the duties of a vestry and the importance of a "spiritual practice" as we go about working on behalf of the parish. Courtney asked that we consider the Vestry Person of the Day (VPOD) assignments and ways in which we might be more welcoming to parishioners and guests.

**Decisions:**

**3. Approval of January Minutes**

Trent Williams moved for approval of the January minutes. Stuart Kensinger seconded. Motion carried.

4. **Confirmation of selections for Junior Warden, Treasurer and Clerk**  
It was announced that Jim Mercurio, Bill Kersten and Jim Lober have been appointed by the Rector and Sr. Warden to serve as Jr. Warden, Treasurer and Clerk, respectively, subject to confirmation by the vestry. Stuart Kensinger moved that the appointments be confirmed. Trent Williams seconded. Motion carried.

**Information:**

5. **Important events for Service**

March 6—Undie Sunday

**April 9-10, Parish Weekend—Eric Law/Go Out & Serve Sunday**

**Eric Law** will be returning to Palmer for day-long session with Palmers on April 9 to discuss where our Parish is and where we go next. He was with us at Palmer several years ago as we worked to create a parish profile and began work on a search for a Rector. On Sunday, April 10, there will be only one service, at 9:00 am, after which there will be events for families on the campus and outreach opportunities for Palmers to go out into the community and serve. Rev. Easley and Rev. Shelton are working on outreach options. **SAVE THE DATES.** More details soon.

April 17—Blood Drive

6. **Appointment of Chancellor**

The Rector announced that Tom Van Arsdel was appointed and agreed to serve as the 2016 Chancellor.

7. **January Financials**

Review deferred until the Vestry Retreat, February 27.

**Discussion:**

8. **The year ahead**

Vestry members shared their curiosities and excitement about the year ahead.

Closing prayer

9. **Rector's Closing Prayer**

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/S/ James M. Lober  
James M. Lober, Clerk