

Church of the Holy Nativity

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
December 20, 2016
Holy Nativity Chapel

Present: **Ex-officio:** Austin Nakoa, Eva Eglinton (by telephone), and Wendy Yu
Lay Members: David Callies, Justin Donahue, Lila Johnson, Louisa Le Roux (by telephone), Richard Miller, Ed Moore, Mike Sen, and Bill Seeley,

Absent:

Guest: The Reverend Alexander Graham

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by the Senior Warden Austin Nakoa.

Devotion and Prayer: E Pule Kakou was offered by Ed Moore.

Minutes:

The minutes of the November 15, 2016 Vestry Meeting were approved as circulated.

Interim Priest Interview Reports:

The Committee appointed to study and interview the applicants for the interim priest position is composed of Ed Moore, Mike Sen, Justin Donahue, and Eva Eglinton.

Ed Moore reported that four of the five candidates responded to the call. Skype interviews took place. The Committee conducted research, listened to sermons, and met for in-depth discussion. Two applicants were determined to be the best qualified candidates. It was also noted that the two recommended candidates have connections with other clergy in Hawaii. This was perceived to be helpful with mentorship.

The Committee members shared their observations about the candidates. They voiced what they felt were the strengths, talents, and skills appropriate to Holy Nativity. The candidates' interim experience was discussed as an issue. Discussion ensued regarding the specific roles and obligations of an interim priest,

Father Sandy Graham reminded the Vestry that the interim priest is not destined to become the full time rector. The individual will serve at the church for 12-18 months. The interim can take action on serious administrative issues to prepare for the next rector. The interim will also assist in the creation of the church profile.

Father Graham stated that despite the Committee's recommendations and the Vestry voted, the Diocese still needs to do its own vetting and background checking.

A secret ballot vote was taken. The Reverend Luis Rodriguez received the most votes.

Treasurer's Report:

Wendy Yu presented the proposed Annual Budget for 2017 followed by questions and discussion.

David Callies moved that the Vestry approved the 2017 budget as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

Ed Moore moved for the Vestry to authorize that \$100 Christmas bonus be given this year to the church employees. The motion was seconded and carried.

Yu announced that Jeanne Nelson and Bob Skillman have resigned from the Finance Committee. There are now too few members to meet, so others will need to be appointed to the Finance Committee.

Unfinished Business:

Confirmation was requested regarding the recommendation that Ed Moore be considered for the vacant position on the Holy Nativity School Board.

Bill Seeley moved that Ed Moore be elected to the Holy Nativity School Board. The motion was seconded and carried.

New Business:

None

Announcements:

Next meeting: January 17, 2017 at 6:00 pm
Annual Meeting: January 22, 2017 at 10:00 am

Adjournment:

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm



Lila Johnson
Clerk