

St James Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting
September 12, 2018

Present: Karen Derr, Marilyn Dowdle, Nancy Foltz, Leah Nichiporuk, Gladys Palmer, Tom Pietsch, Joan Rogerson, The Very Reverend Lynne Sharp

Absent: Nick Forenz, Jim Grillo, Gregg Learned, Connie Van Houten

1. Rev. Lynne opened the meeting with prayer at 7:00 PM.
2. Approval of Minutes

Karen moved, seconded by Joan, to approve the minutes as corrected. Carried.

3. Rector's Report

- a. Of Creeds and Creating: 55 people attended this year compared to 15 last year.
- b. Cultural Encounter: to be held at the Curtiss Museum September 27-28 for confirmands this year and next. There are 5 people registered thus far. Rev. Lynne will meet with the Bishop next week to discuss.
- c. Rev. Lynne will be taking a group of 36 to the Holy Land October 11-24.
- d. Rev. Lynne and Ellie Boutwell will be providing a service for residents of Taylor Health Center the third Wednesday of the month at 3:00 PM.
- e. Steuben Senior Services plans to resurrect the newsletter for Hammondsport which will advertise local events and church services. Rev. Lynne is on the committee. The first issue is planned for October and will be published every other month.
- f. **Gladys moved, seconded by Marilyn, that William will invite guests from the senior as his guests for the Chicken and Biscuit Dinner. Carried.**
- g. Discussion was held about a contractually eligible sabbatical for Rev. Lynne sometime after May 31, 2019
- h. Rev. Lynne would like to encourage our parish to attend College of Congregational Development. It would be a two year commitment for clergy and two lay leaders, four week ends per year (Friday night to Saturday night) for a cost of \$900 per team.
- i. The stained glass window plaque has been placed to the right of the main door to the sanctuary.
- j. On October 7, St. Francis Sunday, there will be a blessing of the animals from 10:30-11:30 outside the church in the front and side yard.

4. Senior Warden's Report - no report

5. Junior Warden's Report - no report

6. Treasurer's Report

Leah moved, seconded by Nancy, to accept the Treasurer's Report for June. Carried.

Gladys moved, seconded by Leah, to accept the Treasurer's Report for July. Carried.

Gladys moved, seconded by Nancy, to accept the Treasurer's Report for August. Carried.

The proceeds from the White Elephant, Bake, Craft sale totaled \$1269.65 to benefit Episcopal Relief and Development.

7. Committee Reports

a. Outreach and Mission.

- i. The Mission Committee recommends donating \$500 to the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry

in recognition of J. P. Oliver's run to raise money for the food pantry.

Nancy moved, seconded by Tom, to donate \$500 from the Mission Committee Funds to the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry in recognition of J. P Oliver's effort on their behalf. Carried.

Tom moved, seconded by Nancy, to support the Southeast District mission project by \$500 for the Shoes that Grow project. Carried. (The funds are to come from a line item "Mission" in the yearly budget.)

- ii. Chicken and Biscuit Dinner: September 15 from 4:00-6:30 PM.
- iii. CROP walk October 14 at 1:00 PM, Donna Noteware will coordinate and Karen will make a meal for kids who participate.
- iv. The Food pantry needs 84 cans of turkey gravy for Thanksgiving baskets. The congregation will be solicited for those during October.

b. Buildings and Grounds

- i. Property line of the church was determined by the survey submitted to the state ten years ago.
- ii. Funds for seeding lawn and landscaping where trees were removed will be provided from monies available from the stained glass window company from ruts made by equipment in the front and side yard.
- iii. No estimates to date for painting the parish hall.

c. Evangelism

- i. Village events: St James set up tables for two Village Events: the Art Show in July and the Craft Show in August. At both events the church was open for prayer and tours, and St James gave out free bottled water. Tables were set up to sell baked goods, craft items and Fair Trade items. Both events raised about \$250 each and the proceeds go to the Mission Committee.
- ii. Worship at the Head of the Lake was well received by the more than 60 people who attended.
- iii. The congregation provided backpacks and supplies for 46 students.
- iv. The ARC will use our church to participate in the Cookie Walk. Last year over 110 people were in the church as a result of the village Cookie Walk.

d. Children and Youth

- i. Vacation Bible School: 77 kids attended, 27 youth and 50 adults
- ii. Sunday School curriculum: The current curriculum doesn't quite fit with the age range of our children. Gladys and Joan and other interested parties will search for a more appropriate curriculum.
- iii. Youth Group Planning Meeting will be September 16. Last year the average attendance was 12-15 (compared to 5 the previous year). Karen would like to have an "Overtime Party" after the Homecoming night game September 28. Plans are underway to include a "Corn Hole" tournament.

e. Altar Flowers

Leah Bella and Stella Pulver have done a wonderful job supplying altar flowers during the summer/fall season. Future altar flower plans are undetermined.

8. Other

- a. The recipients of the Taylor Grant will not be notified until October.

Nancy offered the closing prayer at 9:00 PM. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Bidwell
Clerk of the Vestry