

Vestry Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2020

Present: Karen Derr, Marilyn Dowdle, Nancy Folts, Gregg Learned, Leah Nichiporuk, Donella Barney, Joan Rogerson, Charlie Skinner.

Absent: Gladys Palmer

1. Opening Prayer at 7:00 pm by Reverend Lynne Sharp.
2. Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Karen to approve the minutes which was seconded by Charlie. The motion was carried.
3. Rector's Report:
 - a. Housing Allowance- A portion of Rev. Lynne's salary isn't taxable. The housing allowance is \$15,000. Joan made the motion to accept and Nancy seconded. The Motion was carried.
 - b. Christmas Eve – December 24th at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom
 - c. Nominating Committee? Leah and Nancy volunteered to be on the committee with help from Rev. Lynne.
 - Donna will remain as Clerk
 - Nancy will be the Sr. Warden; Rev Lynne to nominate Junior Warden
 - Marilyn, Gladys, and Karen's terms are up – private discussion if they wish to be reelected
 - two two-year terms to be filled
 - d. Annual Meeting: Reports due January 20th, send to Congregation on Sunday, January 24th; Annual Meeting January 31st
 - e. Where's the Beef? Charlie asked. Rev. Lynne checked and It is still in the freezer.
 - f. Discussion about potential Church open/close- An e-mail from Jim Derr circulated prior to the Vestry meeting asking them to discuss opening St. James. The Diocese did say it is not safe to reopen. After discussion we will continue on Zoom and revisit the issue at the February meeting.

4. Treasurer's Report

- a. Monthly Review: Page 1- \$390 under Maintenance and Repairs was the bill for the lawn mowing.

- b. Investment Review: Karen reached out to Nick Forenz and Pete Manikas. They said there is nothing better than what we already have. The Aeschbacher Fund is extended for another 3 months. The Five Star Investment matures in 2022.

- c. Recommendations from Karen if we need to shift funds to Restricted: Karen said we are about the same as we were last year. Decided to leave it as is and if there is a need then act on that. Rev. Lynne said 2/3 of the Christmas offering will go to Mission. Donella made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Gregg seconded. All were in favor.

- d. 2021 Budget: Leah, Nancy and Karen met: There is a 2% decrease in the Pledge Budget. Did not have to transfer from Savings to balance the budget. Expenses: Diocesan Apportionment is a 5% increase, should be 3% because transposed a couple of numbers(87.58 and should be 85.78); Electric – under budget; No bill for garbage this year.

5. Committee Reports

- a. Outreach and Mission
 - i. Loaves and Fishes Christmas Boxes – December 10th: Leah said the Mission Committee had “met” and decided to give a \$300 gas card to one of the families we are sponsoring because she has to make trips to Elmira 3 days a week. Nancy made a motion to give the family a \$300 gas card and Donella seconded it. The motion carried.

 - ii. Christmas gifts for families: Mary said all the children were adopted.

iii. Personal Care and Cleaning Products for Pantry: Leah said we can continue to bring laundry and dish detergent, shampoo for women and children.

iv. Socks: There are lots of socks.

b. Buildings and Grounds

i. Fire Detection System: was being installed December 11th.

ii. HFD key?- the Fire Department does not have a key. Nancy will talk to Nick about keys.

c. Evangelism:

d. Children and Youth:

e. Altar Guild

6. Other Business: 1. Wanted to give thanks to the Audit Committee: Leah will send it in. Joan made a motion to acknowledge that the Audit was done which was seconded by Gregg. The motion was carried. 2. Christmas Gifts were discussed after Rev. Lynne left the meeting. After discussion, it was decided that Leah would be given a check so she could purchase the gifts.

Gregg made the motion to close the meeting and Leah seconded it. All were in favor.

Gregg gave the closing prayer.

Next Vestry Meeting, February 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.