

Vestry Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2022

Present: Karen Derr, Marilyn Dowdle, Wayne Grimes, Leah Nichiporuk, Donella Barney, Joan Rogerson, Terry Channing, Donna Noteware(clerk)

Absent: Jim Grillo, Gregg Learned, Richard Little

1. Opening Prayer: Donella opened the meeting with prayer at 6:30 pm.
2. Approval of minutes: a) Karen made a motion to accept the June 26, 2022 minutes about lawn care. Terry seconded and all were in favor. b) Joan made the motion to accept the September 14, 2022 minutes and Terry seconded. All were in favor so the motion carried. c) Terry made the motion to accept the September 18, 2022 minutes with the correction. The minutes pertained to carpet cleaning. Karen seconded. All were in favor, the motion carried. d) Karen made the motion to accept the minutes of the meeting at coffee hour with Virginia Taylor Smith and Joan seconded it. All were in favor- the motion carried.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Karen said that $\frac{3}{4}$ of the pledges are in and that we are $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through the year. She also explained that the \$12,500 deposit in Restricted Fund is from the Taylor Grant. Leah made the motion to accept the treasurers report and Terry seconded. All were in favor. Thank you, Karen, for the detailed treasurers report.
4. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Outreach and Mission:** Terry made the motion to grant the \$500 request for Hurricane Ian relief in Florida and Wayne seconded it. All were in favor- the motion carried.
 - 1) **Outreach-** Bishop's Letter Regarding Grant Possibilities: The Bishop's letter is not applicable to our congregation (it pertains to college students)
 - 2) **Rev.** Tyler-Smith's suggestion to purchase Polo shirts embroidered with our church name to be worn at events. After discussion Karen made the suggestion that we put the outline of St. James Church on the aprons that we wear for dinners, etc. Karen offered to pay for the embroidery on the green aprons and will contact Christine's Upholstery. Thank you, Karen.
 - b. **Building and Grounds:**

1) Bell Tower- why aren't we ringing the bell before church? The bell has two ropes: Donella will contact Gregg about the bell and the idea about lighting up the church.

2. Stain glass Windows- a deposit check went out; they will schedule when they are in the area.

3. Snow Removal Update: Preston is not interested in shoveling snow for the winter of 2022/2023. So, Steve Buck has been hired. Will need to give him instructions regarding our needs.

5. Other Business:

a) Safe Church Refresher Course: Nick sent out an email to everyone who needs to take the refresher course. A few already took the course.

b) Thank you email from Jim Derr: Thanked the Vestry for inviting Virginia Tyler-Smith for the discussion at coffee hour.

c) Letter to congregation re: Donations for cleaning the inside of the Stain Glass windows. Karen will revise the letter asking the congregation to prayerfully consider a donation for the window project. All donors' names will be on a plaque if they want it.

6. New Business:

a) Cookie Walk- December 1: St. James will take part this year. The cookie tins will be available October 18, 2022. Karen will bake the cookies; Leah will do the rest; can buy the bags at Oak Hill; the frosting from Betty Kay bakery.

b) Need a couple substitutes to do the Zoom program on Sundays when Wayne and Linda need a day off. It was suggested that someone ask Gus Olliver. Donna will ask Virginia Kasser.

- c) Proceeds from the Italian Dinner: Karen made the motion that 30% of the money will go to Mission and 70% will go toward the Stain Glass cleaning. Joan seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion carried.

Next Vestry Meeting, November 9, 2022 @ 6:30 pm.