

Vestry Meeting Minutes April 9, 2025

Present: Nick Forenz, warden; Wayne Grimes, administrative assistant; Richard Little, Delegate; Marilyn Dowdle; Jim Derr; Mary White; Sandy Young; Father Craig Hacker; Karen Derr, Treasurer; Donna Noteware, clerk.

Absent: Jim Grillo, Deb Bartlett, Sandy Young, and Gladys Palmer

- 1. Father Craig called the meeting to order at 6:28 pm and opened with prayer.**
- 2. Approval of the minutes: 1) There were several corrections to the regular March 12, 2025 vestry meeting minutes. After discussion Richard made the motion to accept the March 12th minutes with corrections and Nick seconded. All were in favor so the motion carried. 2) There was one correction to the Vestry meeting minutes that was held after church March 23, 2025. After discussion Richard made the motion that the Vestry accept the minutes with the correction and Nick seconded the motion. All were in favor so the motion carried.**
- 3. Treasurer's Report: After Karen explained some of the line items, Nick made the motion to accept the March Treasurer's Report and Richard seconded the motion. All were in favor so the motion carried.**
- 4. Street Parking Issues: Jim Derr: One issue discussed was not enough parking spaces; The other issue is the drainage problem near the curb in front of the church on Lake Street. The drain is higher than the street. Therefore, the water does not drain properly and during the winter months the ice was causing a hazard and there is always water to walk through. Jim Derr will draft a letter to the Village of Hammondspport about the drainage problem. Richard made the motion that Father Craig will**

sign the letter and Marilyn seconded. All were in favor so the motion carried.

5. **Mission Request:** The Mission Committee made a request a) that \$1000 be sent to Direct Relief: \$500 for Ukraine and \$500 for Myanmar (because of the devastation from the earthquake- there are more than 3,600 deaths) and b) \$480 be sent to the Pregnancy Resource Center- the Mission Committee had promised matching funds with what was collected. Nick made the motion to grant the Mission requests and Marilyn seconded the motion. All were in favor so the motion carried.
6. **Diocesan Creation Event** was tabled:
7. **Insurance Update:** Nick and Jim called: The policy renews in July and we are listed as St. James Church on the policy. After discussion the Vestry decided that the Bonding was low- \$50,000. Father Craig made the motion that we spend \$50 per month to get \$250,000 coverage and Richard seconded. All were in favor so the motion carried.
8. **Safe Update:** The Safe is in the storage Room next to the kitchen. The Locksmith opened it on the first try so there is no need for a fire proof box. Nick knows how to open it.
9. **A-Team Property Management Company Update:** The Vestry decided to go with this Company so that all of our groundskeeping needs are covered by one firm including snow removal, leaf raking edging and lawn mowing. Nick sent a letter as Junior Warden to Steve Buck stating that we would no longer need his services but would write him a recommendation if he needs one. The letter is filed.

- 10. Safe Church Update – The update is filed at church in the 2025 folder.**

- 11. 5-Star Investment Trustee Renewal: He wants to meet with Leah and Karen and will continue as Trustee.**

- 12. Aubrey Laverty: Would like access to the church for Organ practice. Nick will send the Save Church link to her.**

- 13. Investment Advisor: How to proceed with selection? The Vestry made a couple suggestions and a meeting will be set up.**

- 14. Reminder- Vestry Planning meeting April 24, 2025 at 6:00 pm will be a brain storming session.**

- 15. For the Good of the Order: a) need an event calendar? b) \$150 donation from the DAR for having the scholarship luncheon at St. James. c) Father Craig made the motion to make a \$275 to the Hammondsport Youth Baseball/Softball to hang our banners on the fence. Richard seconded and all were in favor. d) St. James should have Locksmith Maintenance.**

- 16. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm**

