

St. James Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting
April 11, 2018

Present: Karen Derr, Marilyn Dowdle, Nancy Folts, Gregg Learned, Leah Nichiporuk, Gladys Palmer, Joan Rogerson, Connie VanHouten, The Very Reverend Lynne Sharp
Absent: Nick Forenz, Jim Grillo, Tom Pietsch

Rev. Lynne opened the meeting with prayer at 7:05 PM.

Gregg moved to accept the March minutes, Connie seconded. Carried

Rector's Report

1. Rev. Lynne contacted the Watkins Glen Sporting Goods store for an estimate for a 24" h x 12" w memorial brass plaque for the stained glass windows. That estimate was \$899. plus \$30 for shipping. Another option was calligraphy in a frame. Funds for the memorial plaque will be covered by existing funds in the Stained Glass Window account.

Marilyn moved, seconded by Nancy, to purchase the brass plaque for the stained glass memorial from Watkins Glen Sporting Goods. Carried.

2. The date of "I Love to Tell the Story" is to be determined.
3. The Active Shooter Training will be held at St. James on May 8 at 6:00 PM.
4. Rev. Lynne will attend the Fire Department Chaplain Conference, with Charles and Janetmarie Skinner, April 16 and 17 in Long Island.

Senior Warden Report - none

Junior Warden Report - none

Treasurer's Report

1. Karen presented the March financial report.

Joan moved, seconded by Leah, to accept the Treasurer's report. Carried.

2. Karen reported that she was contacted by Cathy Shoemaker of the Diocese that she (and other churches) were not submitting the Parochial Report correctly. Three years ago at Convention it was determined that there would be a consistent way of reporting within the Diocese and national church. Any money that has been used for operating expenses has to be reported and apportionment paid on that amount. A deficit cannot be shown. Therefore the Parochial Report needed to be amended.

Nancy moved, seconded by Gregg, to accept the amended Parochial Report.

Gregg moved, seconded by Joan, that the "Reserve for Loan Repayment" money be moved to the restricted savings account. Carried.

Gregg moved, seconded by Marilyn, to empower Karen, Rev. Lynne and Donella to confer to amend the budget to reflect the changes in the pledges. Carried.

2. St. James has received a gift of mutual fund stock as a non-restricted pledge, currently deposited in Five Star Bank. The decision of how to best access the funds will be deferred until next month.

Committee Reports

1. Outreach and Mission

- A. The Mission Committee has purchased two items for the Baby Cafe held in the Dorman Library in Bath. Donna Noteware will be reimbursed \$80 for the items. It is estimated that the committee will spend approximated \$200 to fill and send 10 shoeboxes to Operation Shoebox sponsored by Samaritan's Purse.
- B. The Smorgasbord Dinner is planned for May 12, 4-6 PM

2. Buildings and Grounds

- A. Safe Church- all have completed.
- B. The sacristy sink is plugged and Gregg and Nick will look for a solution.

3. Evangelism

- A. Earth Day in the Square, May 12, 11 AM-3 PM.
- B. White Elephant and Craft Sale at the Village wide Yard Sales, June 2, 8 AM- 1 PM. Joan is coordinating.

4. Children and Youth: Youth Group April 15, 5:30 at the United Methodist Church

5. Altar Flowers: As it is rumored that our current provider is going out of business, options for supplying floral arrangements for the altar are being sought. Some suggestions were a parishioner who is gifted in that area may want to contribute that talent or another option is to check with VanScoters in Bath.

Other Business

1. Taylor Grant suggestions were a) re-grouting the altar area (Gregg will supply names and Leah will get estimates), b) re-wiring and the ceiling in the sacristy.
2. Mutual Ministry Review is postponed .
3. The tricycle will be sold at the Yard Sale.
4. Signs are on hold until May.

Gregg offered the closing prayer at 8:27 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Bidwell
Clerk of the Vestry

