

Vestry Minutes

April 12th 2023

Present: Father Craig Hacker, Jim Grillo (Sr. Warden), Leah Nochiporuk (Jr. Warden), Karen Derr (treasurer), Wayne Grimes (Administrative Assistant), Marilyn Dowdle, Richard Little, Joan Rogerson, Donna Noteware (Clerk)

Absent: Gregg Learned and Terry Channing

1. Father Craig called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and asked Jim Grillo to open the meeting with Prayer
2. Approval of Minutes: Leah made the motion to approve both the February 8, 2023 and the March 8, 2023 minutes. Karen seconded and all were in favor. The motion carried.
3. Treasurer's Report – Karen went over some line items on the March 2023 Treasurer's report. Karen reported that the interest on the Five Star investment CD will be retained by Five Star and invested in a smaller CD. Father Craig made the motion to keep Five Star separate and to accept the report. Marilyn seconded the motion. All were in favor so the motion carried. Joan thanked Karen for the Treasurer's report.
4. Mission Request - Carol Bidwell: a) Requested \$250 now for American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (Princess Basma House) now with potential of supporting them quarterly in 2024? b) Vestry to prayerfully consider designating loose plate offering to mission and outreach two Sundays a month and other places such as the Rector's Discretionary Fund or as the vestry determines. c) And asked the Vestry to prayerfully consider adding a line item to the 2024 operating budget for Mission and Outreach in the amount of \$5000. Jim thanked Carol for coming to the vestry meeting.

Joan made the motion to give \$250 to the Princess Basma House in Jerusalem. Marilyn seconded and all were in favor so the motion carried.

- A. The Vestry will discuss the Loose plate suggestion and the \$5,000 line item for Mission and Outreach at the next meeting. Father Craig will contact the Diocese of Mississippi and ask for a name of a church that needs assistance. Leah said the food pantry needs cleaning supplies and personal hygiene items- she will let the congregation know on Sunday.
5. Housing Resolution April 2023: Be it resolved That: Whereas, the Rev. Craig Hacker is employed as a minister of St. James' Church, Hammondsport, which does not provide a residence for him, the Vestry of St. James' Church, Hammondsport resolves that of his total compensation in 2023, \$18,000 be a parsonage allowance within the meaning of that term as used in Section 107 of the IRS Code of 1986 and this designated amount in future years, as long as The Rev. Craig Hacker is employed at St. James' Church, Hammondsport, unless amended. Karen moved to approve the housing resolution, Leah seconded and all were in favor. The motion carried.
6. First Friday Fellowship Request: Tom Bidwell requested that the May 5th meeting be held at St. James in the Undercroft. Jim explained that the meetings are in several churches in the area. All were in favor.
7. Village Yard Sale/Bake Sale on June 2nd and 3rd: Joan is organizing the 2-day sale. Karen will do the bake sale. Any left-over items will be taken to the Once Again Shop in Penn Yan.
8. Baccalaureate – Karen explained what has been done in the past: The students do the readings; have music; have an ice cream social reception afterward. Father Craig wants to meet the students and participate. It is scheduled June 16, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

9. Bishop's Visit – April 23rd
Preparations: Jim and Father Craig completed the planning form with Christy and Sarah from the Bishop's office. There was a Zoom Meeting; He requested the bulletin 1 week ahead of time. Leah will organize the luncheon. Karen and Marilyn will help with preparation. Leah will put a sign-up sheet in the Undercroft. There will be a short Vestry meeting after the luncheon with the Bishop. Bishop Lang will arrive at 8:30 am and he will get the Plate.
10. Update: Directory, Mailing List, Email List, Visitor's Guide: Will continue checking information on the present directory. And discuss the layout at the next Vestry meeting.
11. Polo / T-Shirts Update – Karen has the list on the table in the undercroft. April 16, 2023 will be the last day. Will put the order form on Facebook. Sunday April 23, 2023 will be the last day to sign-up.
12. Fluff Truck – Richard: The Town of Urbana will hold a Truck and Equipment Fun Day on June 3, 2023 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Hammondsport Fire Department Carnival Grounds on St. Rt. 54. There is a lot going on that weekend (We are participating in the Village Wide Yard Sale). The Vestry decided to not participate this year. If the event is a success, it will become an annual event, and Richard will bring it up next year to see if we want to sponsor or donate.
13. Community Reception for Father Craig and Linda: The Vestry decided that it is up to Father Craig and Linda to set a date.
14. Saturday morning breakfast for local clergy? Father Craig would like to meet the local clergy individually.
15. Insulation Estimates – Gregg Learned. Tabled at this time.
16. Taylor Grant Update – Leah and Tina have all the paper work completed. It will be submitted asking for the grant money be used to repair the inside of the Stained Glass Windows.
17. Strategic Planning Goals? In the past there have been Vestry Retreats – an opportunity to set goals. Father Craig and Jim will come up with a Retreat Format.
18. Spring Cleanup: Nick Forenz will purchase the mulch. He and Jim will set a date and announce it in Church.
19. For the Good of the Order: a) Father Craig thanked Wayne Grimes and Ellie Boutwell for all their work with the programs during Holy Week and for making everything go so well. b) Father Craig said we can dip the bread during Eucharist(intinction) beginning Sunday April 16, 2023 and it will be announced prior to Eucharist.
20. Adjournment: Jim made the announcement to adjourn the meeting and Leah seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectively submitted- Donna Noteware, clerk

Next Meeting – May 10th @ 6:30pm

