

Vestry Minutes

December 13th, 2023

Present: Leah Nichiporuk, Karen Derr, Gregg Learned, Richard Little, Terry Channing, Father Craig, Donna Noteware- clerk

Absent: Marilyn Dowdle, Wayne Grimes, Jim Grillo, Joan Rogerson

1. Father Craig called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with prayer.
2. Approval of Minutes – Karen made a motion to approve the November 8, 2023 minutes, Gregg seconded and all were in favor. The motion carried. Gregg made the motion to approve the November 26, 2023 minutes from the Special Vestry Meeting. Father Craig seconded and all were in favor. The motion carried.
3. Treasurer’s Report, November 2023 – After Karen explained some line items Leah made the motion to accept the treasurers report and Gregg seconded the motion. All were in favor so the motion carried.
4. 2024 Budget review and approval – The Budget Committee was Leah Nichiporuk, Jim Grillo, Karen Derr and Father Craig. Karen explained some of the line items- mentioning that the plate collection and pledges are up. Gregg made the motion to accept the 2024 Budget, Terry seconded and all were in favor. Therefore, the motion carried.
6. Nominating Committee update – Gregg Learned said that he and Joan Rogerson have met and are starting the process of finding interested parishioners: Gregg said that being a Warden is a 2-year term; each Vestry member may serve two 3-year terms; the Treasurer and the Clerk are appointed by the Vestry after the Annual meeting. The terms of Karen, Marilyn and Terry end this year. After serving 2 three-year terms must take a year off.
7. Mission Request – 1. After discussion of the request for \$500 for AFEDJ- American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem the Vestry decided to wait until they can be sure that the funds will reach the hospital in Gaza where they are most needed. The request was tabled. 2. The Mission committee also asked for \$100 to purchase family gifts for Christmas.
8. Report on bell inspection – Gregg reported that White’s Clock and Carillon Northeast, Inc. came and inspected the Bell. The structure that supports the Bell is in bad shape. The frame was cast in the 1890’s. The Bell itself is in good shape. It makes the G note which can be heard to the Garret Chapel. Father Craig made the recommendation that

there be a special vestry meeting to discuss the contract when all vestry members are in attendance.

9. Athlete's dinner – Karen reported that 80 students came to the Athletes dinner December 15, 2023 and suggested having another dinner in January during the week either January 17 or January 24th which are not game nights.
10. Dishwasher upgrade discussion – After discussion Gregg said he will look at the manual and do some research. Then he will call Willson Equipment to get an estimate of replacing what we have.
11. Fire inspection – Father Craig said Nick Forenz was here during the inspection. Nick said we probably do not need to spend money on insulation. The smoke detectors and fire alarms were serviced. St. James passed the inspection.
12. Under counter cooler repair – Gregg said that Modern Refrigeration will check the thermostat.
13. Usher Training – Jim mentioned that someone asked about usher training at coffee hour. Father will find out about it.
14. For the Good of the Order: 1. Maybe sponsor a Little League Team? 2. Announcements in the Sunday Bulletin? 3. If anyone wants to be on the Vestry- see a Vestry member. 4. Annual reports must be in 2 weeks before the annual meeting. 5. Lenton lunches: Ash Wednesday is February 14, 2024. Father Craig will design a 20-minute ecumenical service with local clergy. The service on Ash Wednesday will be at St. James with a luncheon following. Father Craig said he would get back to the vestry and Leah said she would organize the luncheon.

15. Adjournment: Father Craig adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm

Respectively submitted: Donna Noteware, Clerk

Next Meeting – Annual Meeting January 28, 2024
Sermon will be Rector's Report