

Vestry Minutes

January 10th, 2024

Present: Jim Grillo, Karen Derr, Marilyn Dowdle, Wayne Grimes, Joan Rogerson, Gregg Learned, Leah Nichiporuk, Terry Channing, Father Craig, Donna Noteware, clerk

Absent: Richard Little

1. Father Craig called the meeting to order at 6: 27 pm with prayer.
2. Approval of December 2023 minutes: a) Gregg made the motion to accept the December 13, 2023 minutes and Terry seconded the motion. All were in favor- the motion carried. b) A Special Vestry meeting was held after church December 17, 2023 to discuss going forward with White's Clock and Carillon Northeast, Inc. to repair the structure that holds the Bell. After discussion Karen made the motion to accept the purchase agreement, Jim seconded the motion. All were in favor.

3. Treasurer's Report, December 2023 – Karen explained some of the line items- Joan made the motion to accept the treasurers report and Leah seconded. All were in favor. Karen mentioned that there were two donations- \$10,000 from the Meade Foundation and \$14,000 from Mercury Aircraft. Joan made the motion to use the two donations for payment of the repair of the Bell structure and Gregg seconded. Everyone was in favor so the motion carried.

4. Nominating Committee update – Gregg and Joan: The discussion: a) Vestry members may serve two 3-year terms and should take a year off b) Wardens serve 2 years- one as Junior and one as Senior c) should realign the duties of Wardens d) straighten out the transition and sequence of vestry members. e) The treasurer and clerk are elected positions. After discussion Father Craig made the motion for 2024 that Jim Grillo will continue as Senior Warden and Leah Nichiporuk will remain as Junior Warden. Terry seconded the motion and all were in favor.

5. Mission Request - Donna

- a. \$500 for Deb and Rich Jacquier.... lost their home in Christmas night fire in

Mitchellesville: Father Craig made the motion to donate \$500 to the Jacquier family, Joan seconded the motion and all were in favor so the motion carried.

b) \$500 for World Central Kitchen.... for food/dinners in Ukraine: Leah made the motion to send \$500 to World Kitchen for meals in Ukraine, Wayne seconded the motion and all were in favor.

c) \$500 for Samaritan's Purse.... for Israel/Gaza: Terry made the motion to send \$500 through Samaritan's Purse in Israel/Gaza to be used as needed and Joan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. Housing Resolution: Whereas Rev. Craig Hacker is employed as Rector of Saint James Episcopal Church, which does not have a residence for him, the Vestry of Saint James resolves that of his total compensation in 2024, \$18,000 be designated a parsonage allowance as long as Rev. Hacker is employed at St. James unless amended. Leah made the motion to accept the \$18,000 housing allowance for Re. Craig Hacker and Marilyn seconded. All were in Favor so the motion carried.

7. Report on bell inspection – Gregg reported that the bell is sitting on blocks now. The Bell itself is in good shape. The repair work by White's Clock and Carillon Northeast, Inc. will be done either the end of January or the first week in February. The Vestry thanked Marilyn and Gregg for all they did so St. James will be able to use the bell again.
8. Athlete's dinner – Karen: The Athlete's dinner is Wednesday January 24. Because a boy's game had to be rescheduled, the dinner will start at 2:30 pm instead of 3:30.
9. Dishwasher upgrade update – Gregg has a call into Wilson's but hasn't heard back yet. Gregg will check the status of soap, rinse aid and sanitizer. The dish washer was donated when St. James did the kitchen remodeling. Gregg will have more information at the February Vestry meeting.
10. Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Service and Luncheon – Father Craig met with Pastor Barry from the Mitchellesville Church and Pastor Grace from the Hammondsport Methodist Church about having Ecumenical services during Lent. Each church will have their own Ash Wednesday service February 14, 2024. St. James service will be at 6:00 pm. Ecumenical services with a luncheon: 1. February 21- St. James – Father Craig; 2. February 28, Methodist in Hammondsport – Pastor Barry; 3. March 6- St. James – Father Craig; 4. March 13, Methodist in Hammondsport- Pastor Grace; 5. March 20- St. James – Pastor Barry; 5. Joan will put an ad in the shopper.
11. For the Good of the Order: 1. The Bell can be programmed to ring as often as St. James wants. 2. Printed Directories are finished and will be in the back of the church. 3. Leah ordered Palms. 4. Joan will put an ad in the shopper for St. James Easter Service

on March 31st. 5. There will be a letter to parishioners 2 weeks before the Easter service. 6. Gregg will have an Easter Sign made.

12. Adjournment: Father Craig adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm

Respectively submitted: Donna Noteware, clerk

Next Meeting – Annual Meeting January 28, 2024