

Vestry Minutes March 13, 2024

Present: Jim Grillo, Wayne Grimes, Richard Little, Gregg Learned, Nick Forenz, Virginia Kasser, Father Craig Hacker, Karen Derr- treasurer, Donna Noteware-clerk

Absent: Leah Nichiporuk, Deb Bartlett, and Joan Rogerson

1. Father Craig called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with prayer.
2. Approval of minutes: a) After discussion Nick made the motion to accept the February 15, 2024 minutes with the corrections and Richard seconded the motion. All were in favor so the motion carried.

b) Special Vestry Meeting February 28, 2024 via email (Tom Bidwell requesting to have another First Friday Fellowship April 5, 2024 at St. James) Richard made a motion to accept the Special Vestry email meeting minutes February 28, 2024 and Gregg seconded. All were in favor so the motion carried.
3. Treasurer's Report- February 2024- Karen explained some of the line items- Paid for snow removal; garbage is paid once a year as a donation; increase in mission money is because of our pharmacy program After discussion Richard made the motion to accept the treasurer's report, Nick seconded and all were in favor. The motion carried. The Vestry thanked Karen for the report.
4. Bishop Election/SED Update- Richard presented the report: A. Southeast District: 1) There will be a Zoom meeting June 3, 2024 to elect a clergy member 2) District Mission Project Ideas will be decided-Gaza Hospital. 3) September 9, 2024 In person SED meeting – Church of the Redeemer in Addison. 4) District Grant applications- 4/1/ 24- 6/1/24- \$5000 available in district grants. B. Standing Committee- 1) 2/24/24 Very Rev. Kara Wagner Scherer-Bishop elect. 2) Zoom meeting 3/27/24 6:30 to 8:30 pm 3) Farewell to Bishop Lane 6/8/24. 4) Ordination and Consecration of the IX Bishop of Rochester at Asbury First United Methodist Church, 1050 East Ave. Rchester. C. **Father Craig shared that he has been asked to be the clergy member for the Diocesan Council meeting June 3, 2024.** D. College for Congregational Development – July 28, 2024 through August 2, 2024. Contact Virginia Tyler Smith. Father Craig thanked Richard for the report.
5. QKA Aging in Place Requests from the Director, Carol Israel: Jim Grillo and Father Craig: 1) Having a Creative Art Class on Saturday April 13, 2024 was mentioned at the February Vestry Meeting. The class takes about 5 hours- 2 hours to unpack and ready the room; 2 hours for the

class; one hour to clean up. The class starts at 10:00 am and ends at 12:00 noon. All supplies are provided by QKA Aging in Place. Senior residents are not charged a fee. Virginia Kasser volunteered to be at St. James that morning. After discussion, Virginia made the motion that the Creative Art Class be a Community Outreach Program that will meet April 13, 2024 at St. James. Richard seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion carried.

2) Carol Israel had a second request: to begin a Community Outreach Program in which QKA Aging in Place would partner with St. James to establish the feasibility and community interest, then add other Churches. The Program: "Let's stay in touch" (tentative name) is a community volunteer driven program that will reach seniors by writing notes, making greeting cards or phone calls to local senior residents. Location, Day, Dates, Times and Frequency are all undetermined at this time. After hearing the request and the discussion it was decided that Father Craig and Virginia will meet with Carol Israel to discuss this request.

6. Baseball/Softball Update- Nick said that the Elmira Pioneers may not be able to purchase the baseballs and softballs before the start of Little League in May. It will be between \$500 and \$600 to purchase them for each child. After discussion, Father Craig made the motion to take the money out of the Evangelism Fund to purchase the baseballs and softballs. Richard seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion carried.

7. Draft of 2024 Parish Goals- Nick: The Goals should be reevaluated 4 times a year. Possible projects: 1. Relocate the Organ; 2. New carpet in the Sacristy. 3. Local community outreach- The Vestry will discuss in the April meeting.

8. Update on Fine Art Students Dinner Proposal- Nick and Karen reached out to the Fine Arts teachers/advisors. They all liked the idea, will get back to them in April for the event to be in May. The discussion was that we not have a dinner but Tacos or Pizza or something similar.

9. Overview of our investments and risk levels- Karen has mentioned for several months that we have a large amount of money in our regular and restricted accounts. Nick made a chart of the different Types of Accounts. Father Craig recommended that we have an investment committee with the initial committee being Vestry members. After discussion, Jim made a motion to establish an Investment Committee made up of Nick Forenz, Gregg Learned and Virginia Kasser. Wayne seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion carried.

10. Vestry and Committee Introductions for Congregation- Jim sent out an email to get suggestions for church "notables". He will make hard copies which the ushers will hand out. Jim will read the names of each group and they will go up front. Father Craig will bless each group supporting them spiritually. This will be done in May or June.

11. Fan and lights- Gregg said that there is an ancient fan in the back of the church which needs to be replaced. He also mentioned that the lighting in the sacristy and in the back of the church need to be improved. He suggested that while the scaffolding is here to fix the fan have Dailey Electric put in track lighting in the front of the church at the Altar railing and improve the lighting in the back of the church. After discussion Gregg made the motion to replace the fan and improve the lighting in the back of the church and improve the lighting in the sacristy. Father Craig seconded the motion. All were in favor- the motion carried.

12. For the Good of the Order: 1. Updating the prayer list- Parishioners will put the names in the collection plates along with his or her name and the reason for prayers. Wayne will have the name on the list for 5 weeks. If prayers need to continue, let Wayne know. The names will be on the bulletin and the Ushers will read the names from the bulletin.

13. Adjournment: Gregg made the motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm, Virginia seconded and all were in favor.

Respectively submitted: Donna Noteware, clerk