

MINUTES

Vestry Meeting - Saturday April 8, 2017 10:00 A.M.

Present: Fr. Richard, Nancy Waugh, Diane Nichols, Lynn Garland, Mary Bridget Barnes, Susan Howland, John Grant, Peg Nelson.

Absent with regrets: Tamsin Lucey, Bill Pieczynski, Rose Reith

Thanks were extended to Diane for providing a comfortable and welcoming location for the combined April vestry meeting and annual vestry retreat.

Meeting opened with prayer at 10:30.

Business Meeting

Motion made to accept the minutes from the March vestry meeting emailed March 13, 2017, seconded and carried.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Treasurer's report.

Electronic Giving

Susan distributed a copy of the electronic giving card, with thanks to Lynn for her rewrite. The file will be sent to the diocese for printing and laminating 200 cards. In order to inform and educate the congregation about electronic giving, Susan has prepared Footnotes from the Treasurer, to be included in the May Tidings.

St. Francis of Assisi Statue

John Grant reported that his sister-in-law recommended that we look into a reasonably priced retail St. Francis of Assisi statue, perhaps concrete at \$250-\$350 or resin \$50-\$100. Keeping Leadership Day in mind, the vestry considered the why, what, how and who of the project. Why: to bring the worship space outdoors so that the outside of the building reflects what is going on inside. What: low maintenance prayer garden, perhaps with a semicircle of stones around the statue and perhaps an upgrade of the bench slats; perhaps tie into our historic anniversary. How: space to be set aside at the front of the church; memorial funds could be contributed toward the project. Who: Nate and Cat will be asked to help with the design; Diane will cost out a wooden statue; John and Lynn will bring costs and recommendations back to vestry.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Solar Panels

In conjunction with Earth Day, Bethlehem Lutheran Church is conducting a campaign to match a memorial donation from a former member for the installation of solar panels. Nancy wondered about our being able to support half a panel at \$250 because we are in community with BLC. **A motion was made, seconded and approved to pay \$250 for half a panel.**

Congregational Development Grant

Congregational Development Grant funds are still available. **A motion was made to move forward on applying for a Congregational Development Grant to help bring the building up to code. Motion seconded and approved.** Funds could be put toward basement work in order to make building more of a community resource. Susan offered to write grant request.

The vestry moved, seconded and approved adjournment of the business meeting at 11:10.

Respectfully submitted by Peg Nelson, Clerk