

APPROVED

MINUTES

Vestry Meeting – Wednesday, July 11, 2018 - 7:00 PM

Present: Fr. Richard, John Grant, Diane Nichols, Nancy Waugh, Lynn Garland, Rose Reith, Tamsin Lucey, Lorraine Brumskine, Peg Nelson

Absent with regrets: Susan Howland, Lana Pieczynski

Fr. Richard opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. with prayer.

Bible Study – Mark 6:14-29

Business

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the June vestry meeting minutes.

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

Rector's Items

- The book study of W.E.B. DuBois' The Souls of Black Folk has been very enlightening and positive while at times uncomfortable because it becomes a discussion of the current political arena.
- Fr. Richard will take vacation on July 22 and 29 and be back on August 1. Fr. Richard would like to take off on September 2, but he is unable to find a substitute. The vestry encouraged him to take off, and we will have Morning Prayer if no substitute can be found. He will also be away on September 16.

Review of Last Month's Events

There were no activities last month to review.

Upcoming Events

- VBS is August 6-10 with a cookout celebration in the backyard following the service on August 12. In addition to hot dogs, hamburgers, lemonade and water, Rose and Lorraine will bring salads and Diane will bring watermelon. Tamsin and Susan Grant will work on the signs for VBS.
- Salvation Army Family Fun Day is August 25, 10-2, on the Southbridge common. The event is free with a DJ for the duration, a dog show, hearing, vision and blood pressure tests, and giveaways. Diane will check with Family Worship to see if they will be participating, and, if so, what help they need.
- We will not be part of the United Way Day of Caring on September 14 because the activity planning date had passed.
- For the October 21 Revival, Fr. Richard will confirm times. A luxury bus will cost about \$750, and there is a question as to whether we will be able to fill the bus. Brian can put up the banner at the parish hall entrance.

Building & Grounds

- The brick repointing is scheduled for mid-September.
- Tasse quoted \$1200 less than Cole for baseboard heating with child safe covers in the Sunday School rooms and hall. John questioned the need for updating the baseboard units. Tamsin explained that they leak so we are trying to avoid further damage to the floor and that we want child safe covers since we are always looking toward future use of that space. **A motion was made, seconded and passed with one abstention to accept Tasse's quote of \$5,750.**
- Brian has started prep work for painting the downstairs kitchen.
- Either this week or next the curb that caused a trip will be marked with a caution flag and paint and repaired.
- Brian will make himself available to help with VBS because he wants to.
- Lynn asked for permission to remove a vine growing up through the rhododendron.
- The basic prayer garden design is the same, but no replacement has been found for the statue that had been approved. Lynn will convene the Prayer Garden Committee to see if we can find a way to move forward. Cat thinks that installation will be fairly quick and that we can do most of the work ourselves so that the cost will be minimal.

Food Share Ministry

- Rose will put the calendar of collection items on the brown bags.

Unplanned New Business

- Diane hopes to purchase a set of hand chimes for the church. Additional costs include foam on tables, folders for standing the music, and music stands. Diane will cost this out. A minimum of 9 people is required to form a hand chime group.
- Diane offered to price and obtain paper samples for any printing needed for the anniversary celebration.
- Lorraine suggested a fellowship dinner or international dinner and an opportunity to share a meal and present something unique or traditional from our background. She suggested that this could happen once a year or once in a while.
- Ron has offered to look at our speaker system.

Closing Prayer- Prayer for the Parish

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Next Vestry Meeting August 8, 2018 @ 7:00 PM