

Minutes

Vestry Meeting – Wednesday, October 10, 2018

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

Absent with regrets: Lana Pieczynski, Lorraine Brumskine

Fr. Richard opened the meeting at 7:12 p.m. with prayer.

Bible Study – Mark 10: 17-31

Business

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

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the September Treasurer's report. The 2019 budget was emailed to the vestry. Susan explained that the increase in the Sexton's salary is a step toward bringing him to minimum wage by 2023. Adjustments to this budget will be made as necessitated by the total pledge amount.

Rector's Review

- Fr. Richard is holding 10 tickets for a concert on October 27 at 3 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church to benefit St. Luke's Guesthouse. The Old Sturbridge Village Singers will perform.
- Fr. Richard received a letter from Alva Garcia who will be holding a day of prayer this Saturday at Southbridge Town Common from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Even though her invitation does not carry the blessing of her church, people may feel moved to attend.
- Following the stewardship witness talks on Sunday, Fr. Richard will not be giving a sermon. He feels that the congregation should be left to contemplate the lessons or words shared by the parishioners.

Upcoming Events

- Tickets for the October 21 Revival in Worcester are held either by parishioners or Chris. Chris will be asked to send out tickets to those who plan to attend but do not have tickets. Also, Chris will be asked to send out an email to let people know that Susan will set up in the parish hall for live streaming the Pittsfield Revival. John will coordinate transportation to Worcester using the transportation sign-up sheet as a guide.
- The UTO ingathering will be on October 14. Diane is working with Fr. Richard and Chris on prayers for the day.
- John and Susan Grant are delegates for the Diocesan Convention on October 26-27. Also attending will be Fr. Richard and, for UTO, Susan and Diane.

Building & Grounds

- The following motion, which had been emailed to the vestry on October 5 by Susan, was not acted upon because some circumstances have changed:
 - **Rent a 60 ft boom lift with Jib from Sunbelt in Shrewsbury for 5 days: cost \$1950 (Includes insurance), to coordinate with Cole for the work to be done.**

- Have Cole Contracting use our lift to fix the hole in the slate roof, inspect the rest of the roof as lift will allow, and repair reachable slipping slates.
 - Have Cole Contracting repair/replace/restore the trim at the altar end of the building including painting, and seal the crack in the sacristy window lintel (outside) with clear silicone while the lift is at the church - taking into account the weather.
 - Have Cole Contracting provide the length of gutter guard needed to replace the missing gutter guard from the gutter. (This is gutter specific and Cole installed the gutter in 2012)
 - Have a parish volunteer or the carpenters from Cole Contracting install the gutter Guard.
- We will rent a lift from Monday 10/15 to Monday 10/22. During that week, the lift will be used by Cole Contracting and its subcontractor to repair and inspect the slate roof, seal the crack in the window sill above the sacristy, repair and/or replace and paint the trim at the altar end of the building, and replace missing gutter guard. A tree company will be contacted about trimming branches that hang over the roof while the lift is in place.
- Brian is painting trim on the annex door.
 - The alarm company will check and correct problems with our system Monday because the Building Inspector is coming on October 30. The new inspector would like to consolidate our licenses, but we will keep the I-2 license for the basement in the event we have a long-term renter. Going forward, we will have yearly inspections and get two licenses for \$200 total.
 - Both boilers were cleaned. The large boiler has a rotting smoke pipe that will have to be replaced at \$200. The hot water boiler has a crack in the chamber, which will cost \$345 to repair. **A motion was made, seconded and approved to have Tasse's make these two boiler repairs at \$545.**
 - Parts are on backorder to complete the baseboard heating.
 - The brick repointing bill came in as expected.
 - John fixed the shed door. Ray Beaupre planted the hydrangea tree.

Stewardship

- Nancy will have a sign-up sheet at the next vestry meeting for the Stewardship Breakfast.

Sound System

- John will look into fixing the sound system, including replacing the goose neck mic on the lectern, checking the wiring at the lectern and seeing about better ventilation of the base unit in the closet.

Family Worship

- Family Worship is looking into a play for Christmas. This is an item for the November agenda.

Closing prayer – Prayer for the Parish

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Next Vestry Meeting November 14, 2018 @ 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Peg Nelson, Clerk