

APPROVED

Minutes

Vestry Meeting – March 13, 2019

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

Fr. Richard opened the meeting with prayer and Bible Study, Luke 13: 31-35, at 7:05 p.m.

Business

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the February 2019 vestry meeting minutes.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the February 2019 Treasurer's report. Susan reported that John Dirlam is pleased that the Dirlam Fund has been restored. Mr. Dirlam is reviewing draft paperwork that spells out his wish that the fund be designated for building, capital improvement, and capital purchases.

Rector's Items

- The Worcester Corridor is encouraging each parish to establish a green team. Holy Trinity has been involved in ecology awareness and energy audits for some time. The slate roof and orientation of the building are not conducive to solar panels. It was agreed that we have done all that we can at this time. At this time the cost to replace the windows is prohibitive.
- Richard encourages everyone to go to the website <https://www.sustainislandhome.org> after March 15 to create a personal profile. The goal is to substantially reduce our carbon footprint.
- This year's pulpit exchange will also be a liturgy exchange. On March 24 Fr. Richard and Anne will go to Bethlehem Lutheran Church to conduct the Rite II Eucharistic service for Lent. Pastor Kirsten and Boyd will come to Holy Trinity to do the Lutheran liturgy.

Review of Last Month's Events

- Parish Leadership Day on March 2 inspired Lynn and Lorraine to volunteer to pick up the Stewardship drive responsibility. We are grateful for Nancy's many years of work in this ministry.
- The Mardi Gras pancake supper went well. We will probably continue with the alleluia banner activity next year, perhaps with some tweaking.

Upcoming Events

- A Small Church Summit will be held on May 11 at All Saints Church in South Hadley. John will attend. Fr. Richard will not because of the time and distance. If others are interested, please talk to John.
- The vestry retreat will be held on March 30 from 9:30 to 3 at the North Brookfield Senior Center. We will bring a bag lunch.

Retreat agenda items:

- Mutual Ministry Review
- Long Term Planning
- Long Term Building Issues including funding
- Rector's Hours
- Rector's Tasks
- Trends in Parish Participation
- Desire for Faith Formation and Educational Clarity

- Planting Seeds
- Additional Items?

Parrettie Committee

John reported that the Parrettie Committee held an organizational meeting on February 24. Going forward, there will be rotating points of contact through the committee; requests for temporary housing will be referred initially to St. Luke's Guesthouse, as per John Howland; decisions will not be immediate. Composition of the committee includes Sr. Warden as chair, Jr. Warden, and three members of the congregation who may or may not be on the vestry. The Rector and the Treasurer sit ex officio (non-voting). John will prepare a bulleted guide sheet for Chris. Parrettie files are now on the OneDrive.

Building & Grounds

- Susan: will contact Jalbert Engineering, Polarch and Steve Bressette about engineering/architectural quotes to learn what the downstairs can be used for and what we have to do to allow use of the space.
- Tamsin reported that we have a new fire emergency exit sign downstairs. A socket in the small kitchen doesn't work; it will be looked at by Greg's brother-in-law. We will need to take care of the foyer stairs, the steps to the undercroft and the backyard spotlight before the next inspection.
- Susan said that If we don't use our I2 space (Sunday School rooms) for 2 years, we will have to reapply for that designation.

Prayer Garden

Lynn Garland presented a budget of \$469.10 for construction of the garden with 2 benches and \$239 each for an infinity cross and pedestal from The Bird Store and More in Sturbridge. The project will be completed this spring. **A motion was made, seconded and approved that the focal point expense of \$478 come out of the Memorial Fund and that the \$469.10 construction expense come out of the Legacy Fund.**

Closing prayer – Prayer for the Parish

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Next Vestry Meeting April 10, 2019 @ 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by Peg Nelson, Clerk