

**APPROVED**

## **MINUTES**

Vestry Meeting –Wednesday, June 14, 2017 - 7:00 PM

Present: Fr. Richard, Nancy Waugh, John Grant, Susan Howland, Mary Bridget Burns, Lynn Garland, Rose Reith, Tamsin Lucey, Bill Pieczynski, Peg Nelson

Absent with regrets: Diane Nichols

Meeting opened with prayer at 7:02 p.m.

Book Discussion – Slow Church conclusion

How does what we learned in the book apply to Holy Trinity? Perhaps we can have gatherings for meals more often—soup supper, after-church brunch. We will do bible study at the next few vestry meetings. Perhaps we will consider reading *Deep Work* by Cal Newport.

**A motion to approve the minutes from the May vestry meeting, emailed May 17, 2017, was made, seconded and approved.**

**A motion to accept the Treasurer's report, emailed June 12, 2017, was made, seconded and approved.**

Aubuchons is reviewing our credit application.

The YMCA will open the Marcy St. location on September 1. Agreed-upon repairs will not have been made by September 1, and the YMCA would like time to move everything out, which may mean they will pay another month's rent. United Way looked at rooms for office space, but Susan is not optimistic.

The Audit Committee found everything in order. Their only question was whether we have a policy for a returned check. Unofficially, Chris calls and tells person of bad check and fee, and most often the person comes with money right away. The Finance Committee will write a policy. A copy of the audit findings is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Building Committee

Tamsin updated the vestry on kitchen repairs and the grant application, which has been submitted. We need to think about what we will do if we don't get grant money. Gordon Plumbing is ordering parts.

Brian Canty is doing a wonderful job as sexton.

There was a brief discussion about the feasibility of spending or holding reserve funds.

Review

The Community Gardens event on June 3 was successful at both Cross St. and Worcester St. The Worcester St. residents have great pride and enthusiasm in the project. The Cross St. residents are motivated to keep the site clean.

Upcoming Events

There was discussion about a collaboration with Bethlehem Lutheran Church for a summer lunch program to provide lunches the last two weeks in August (8/14-8/25). The lunches at the school end on August 11, 2017.

**A motion was made, seconded and approved that the vestry is on board with the philosophy of supplying lunch for the last two weeks of August, depending upon the availability of manpower.** Announcements will be made at church looking for manpower support. Also, an attempt will be made to contact the local grandmothers to prepare lunches that their grandchildren would enjoy. Marguerite, who helps at the Coat Closet, may be able to help in this. The cost will probably be borne by one or both churches. A licensed ServSafe person only has to oversee the food preparation; she doesn't have to be present all the time. It was suggested that Fr. Richard and Pastor Kirsten be the keystones for organizing and that they ask for lay coordinators from each church. Susan, Rose, Nancy, Fr. Richard, and Tamsin have indicated that they can help. Jane Cutting could be contacted and Marguerite might be available.

July 2<sup>nd</sup> Cookout – Brian will put up tables and chairs; need people to bring baked beans, people for grilling, people to scrub potatoes, and people for clean-up. Food must be ready to eat at 3.

Vacation Bible School – 8/14-8/18.

Nancy will schedule a meeting of the Building Anniversary Committee (Nancy Waugh, Mick & Barbara Kalber, Peg Nelson, Lana Pieczynski, and Eileen DeMings).

Vacation – Fr. Richard plans to be away 7/17-7/30, 10/1, and possibly 10/8 or 10/21. Arrangements will be made for a supply minister and/or perhaps doing Morning Prayer.

Other business

Fall Bible Study with Bethlehem Lutheran Church – To encourage more participation, it was suggested that it be in a neutral place with advance notices of all dates.

We may schedule a Mutual Ministry Review in the fall with a meal.

Closing prayer.

**The vestry moved, seconded and approved adjournment of the business meeting at 9:15.**

Respectfully submitted by Peg Nelson, Clerk

Next Vestry meeting July 12, 2017 7:00 p.m.