

MINUTES

Vestry Meeting –Wednesday, November 8, 2017 - 7:00 PM

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

Absent with regrets: Rose Reith

Open at 7:03 p.m. with prayer.

Bible Study – Matthew 25: 1-13, The Parable of the Ten Virgins

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes of the October vestry meeting, emailed October 18, 2017.

Christian Formation Project - Fr. Richard

The 8 or 9 people on the list as potential confirmands were contacted, however, Fr. Richard received no call backs. He will try to contact them again. Joe Pieczynski is ready for confirmation class. If the class is small, we discussed other class models, including inviting those who have been confirmed to join the class to reaffirm their faith.

Fr. Richard continues to think about a service with some instruction to explain what is happening during the Eucharist. Possibilities are an insert in the service bulletin or a laminated card in the pews. Susan felt that most successful way is for the priest to stand and announce each action even though the rubrics are printed in the prayer book.

Updates from September vestry meeting = Ecumenical and Interfaith Opportunities:

- Laugh in Peace – This will probably be pushed back on the calendar while the clergy negotiate with different venues.
- Community Youth Program – Fr. Richard explained that HTC wants to focus on bringing together the neighborhood kids. We might revisit this if and when we have kids of the right age.
- **A motion was made, seconded and approved to renew licenses for current worship leaders and LEMs.**

Upcoming events:

Stewardship Breakfast sign-up sheet was passed around.

Review events

Building Committee – Tamsin

- Kitchen Renovation –The church passed the Board of Health inspection. The inspector was very happy with the work in the kitchen. We will petition for a fee reduction. There is a hanging junction box that became visible when the peninsula was moved; Garon Electric will repair this. Mouse droppings that were found were probably old. The food prep sink does not need to be connected to the grease trap which means the sink in the annex can be used for food prep. We need to install a mop sink; one possible suitable location may be in the sexton's closet. Brian and Tamsin are working on permanently storing some items prior to a building inspection.
- Sexton Job applications – Five applicants were interviewed. Greg Nikolla was hired and will start on Monday, November 13. Brian will stay on in a volunteer capacity doing handyman jobs up to 12 hours a month. The sexton's hours will be 10 a week. Howie will again do snow plowing this year at \$125 for the front and down to the undercroft. John will take the snowblower to City Power for maintenance or at least learn its condition.
- The Building Committee will meet. Mark Morin will do kitchen windows early in December. The exit door in the kitchen annex will not open so Mark Morin has quoted \$1,600 to put a frame inside the existing frame and hang a handicap accessible fire exit door. Although there is no handicap ramp, it was agreed that while the work was being done, the door should be handicap accessible.

- As abutters we have been notified of a public hearing for a River Street property to turn from commercial to residential. No one is attending.
- We haven't had the final YMCA walk through. Everything has been removed except the pole wrapping, and we don't have the keys. Tamsin will try to get Kevin to remove the padding, but, failing that, she will get it done.

Stewardship- Journey to Generosity – Pledge cards and letters will be mailed this week

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Treasurer's report emailed November 5, 2017.

Betsy Fisher sent a very nice thank you letter for our participation in Change the Babies.

The church computer will be replaced with an HP Slimline at \$500 from Best Buy. Also, a subscription will be purchased to TechSoup, a software company that sells licenses to nonprofit organizations. Costs: 1 user 1 year \$50; 3 users \$125.

The 2018 budget that was emailed on October 10, 2017, will be on the December vestry agenda.

A motion was made, seconded and approved by the vestry to pay our full 2018 diocesan assessment of \$9,500.

Other business:

- Mutual Ministry Review December 10, 2017 – Nancy will mail out anything that we may need.
- Possible names for new vestry members for 2018 were suggested. Nancy will stay on the vestry, and John will become Senior Warden.

Closing prayer – Prayer for the Parish

A motion to adjourn at 9:05 was seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted by Peg Nelson, Clerk

Next Vestry meeting December 13, 2017 7:00PM