**MINUTES**

**APPROVED**

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

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

Absent with regrets: Lana Pieczynski, Susan Howland, Tamsin Lucey, Lorraine Brumskine

Fr. Richard opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with prayer.

Bible Study – Luke 24:36b-48

Business

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

**By email vote, the Financial Policies and Procedures, Amended 2018, were accepted on March 29.** A copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

# **A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Treasurer’s report.**

# Rector’s Items

* Funeral and Wedding Policies – The funeral policy has been edited. The wedding policy is still being reviewed. Both will be sent to the vestry when finalized.

* Book Study – *W.E.B. DuBois’ “The Souls of Black Folk” –* Because people had different feelings about the study, Fr. Richard suggested inviting the congregation to participate in a respectful discussion during the summer over the period of a few evenings. Everything said will be confidential and nobody should be made to feel that he or she is wrong.

* Storytelling – Fr. Richard wondered whether the vestry would want to replace the bible study with storytelling by the vestry? The consensus was that we would prefer to consider storytelling as a get-acquainted exercise at the vestry retreat. We could possibly do this as a storytelling workshop where we learn how to craft our story.
* Diane suggested that Lorraine might be willing to speak with the ECW about her experiences with violence in her home country.

* Choir News – New Rule – “No rehearsal, no singing” – Anne will speak individually with anyone who might want to sing the offeratory but has not rehearsed.

# Review of Last Month’s Event

* Holy Week Events – Palm Sunday to Easter – The Vigil went smoothly, and it was nice to see all the children on Easter morning.

# Upcoming Events

* Vestry Retreat – (Arrangements) – Diane will check availability dates in May at the North Brookfield Senior Center.

* Sesquicentennial (150 Year) Building Anniversary Committee Report – Nancy shared the save the date card.

* Trinity Sunday – Any Planning Necessary? – Trinity Sunday is May 27. Diane will take care of getting a cake.

* The Executive Committee will meet after coffee on April 22, 2018.
* As a follow-up to an email from Mick Kalber regarding WMA youth events, the vestry considered opportunities for our teenage youth to participate in diocesan events. As we learn about these opportunities, we will provide information to the interested families.
* A Possible Fundraising Opportunity (Nancy Waugh) – There will be a geo-caching event at Westville Dam in August. They are looking for vendors, so this may be an opportunity for us to set up a fundraising booth with lemonade and water.

# Building & Grounds

* The newly painted classroom is nearly ready for Family Worship to use as a resource room.

* Mike Morin will install the new windows in the undercroft kitchen and kitchen annex before the end of April.

# Updating Position Descriptions

* The roles of the Vestry and the Rector – At its April 22 meeting the Executive Committee will begin this discussion and then present to the vestry for review.

Closing Prayer- Prayer for the Parish

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

# Next Vestry Meeting - May 9, 2018 @ 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by Peg Nelson, Clerk