Vestry Meeting – Wednesday, August 8, 2018 - 7:00 PM

**APPROVED**

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

Absent with regrets: Lana Pieczynski, Nancy Waugh

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

Bible Study – John 6:35, 41-51

Business

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

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

# Rector’s Items

* In Fr. Richard’s absence on September 2, we will have Morning Prayer led by Tamsin Lucey. Meredyth Ward will fill in for Fr. Richard on September 16. Lynn will not be here on that Sunday for the healing service, but Meredyth is usually accompanied by Deacon Julie. Tamsin will be ready to dress if needed.
* The book study of W.E.B. DuBois’ The Souls of Black Folk has been a positive experience in trying to understand deeply the experiences of others and to recognize that there are two Americas—an America enjoyed by the majority and an America participated in sometimes with distress and sometimes with unfair, unequal treatment. God has entrusted to the church the ministry of reconciliation, coming to justice wherever it exists. There will be one more scheduled session on August 21. After a recess, we will consider and talk about whether we want to study The New Jim Crow. Learning how to have difficult conversations is critical in growing to have a community of faith.

Upcoming Events

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* VBS is going very well with about 25 children, 5 crew leaders and support from many others.
* The annual cookout and a VBS celebration will be held on August 12. Susan has purchased 80 hamburgers, 80 hotdogs, rolls, ketchup, mustard, and water. Salads and watermelon will be contributed, and John and Ron will cook.
* The Salvation Army Family Fun Day is August 25. Cat and Eileen need to get back to Tamsin about Family Worship participating with the to-go kit.
* The Revival begins at Noon in Pittsfield on October 21 and at 5 at the Hanover Theater in Worcester. It was suggested that we consider renting a passenger van, but first we need to check the insurance policy about coverage. An article will be put into the Tidings and there will be announcements and a sign-up sheet to learn of interest before the next vestry meeting. We could possibly stream from the Pittsfield event.

# Building & Grounds

* The 50% deposit has been sent for the heating repair in the downstairs classrooms and hallway. We should be learning the start date from Tasse’s soon.
* The brick repointing work will begin in September.
* Mark has ordered the annex door and will put it in either next week or week after.
* There is a faucet issue in the 3-bay sink that needs to be repaired.

# Susan Howland spoke about her experience at the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church. She will write a report to include in the annual report.

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Diane Nichols attended the quarterly meeting of CHNA5, Community Health Network Agency. She suggested that the attached list of resources be put into Chris’s office for reference. Once she has attended a few meetings, Diane may be able to learn how Holy Trinity Church can be of help to the community.

Closing Prayer- Prayer for the Parish

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

# Next Vestry Meeting September 12 @ 7:00 PM