**Minutes**

**APPROVED**

Vestry Meeting – Wednesday, November 14, 2018

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

Absent with regrets: Lana Pieczynski, Lorraine Brumskine

John mentioned that we will dispense with the Christ candle because some are affected by the candle’s scent. Also, during Bible Study we ask that those making comments limit them to 30 seconds each. Fr. Richard will take a period of time to comment and teach.

Fr. Richard opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. with prayer.

Bible Study – Mark 13: 1-8

Business

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

**On October 17, 2018, an emailed motion was made, seconded and approved to:**

* **Rent a 60 ft. boom lift with Jib from Sunbelt in Shrewsbury for 5 days: cost $1950 (Includes insurance),   to coordinate with Cole for the work to be done.**
* **Have Cole Contracting use our lift to fix the hole in the slate roof, inspect the rest of the roof as lift will allow,  and repair reachable slipping slates.**
* **Have Cole Contracting repair/replace/restore the trim at the altar end of the building including painting, and seal the crack in the sacristy window lintel (outside) with clear silicone while the lift is at the church - taking into account the weather.**
* **Have Cole Contracting provide the length of gutter guard missing and install the gutter guard.**
* **Hire Hector Chapa to remove tree limbs as needed for a fee of $200.**

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

The treasurer’s packet has just come out, with updated insurance figures and the diocesan assessment. Susan will prepare a revised budget for the December meeting.

Our UTO offering will probably exceed $1,000.

# Rector’s Review

* Phoebe and Anna have expressed an interest in becoming acolytes, and Isabella Neslusan and Colleen Demings may also be interested. Fr. Richard has contacted parents to learn of interest, and he has emailed Jean Frost, Bill Pieczynski, and Josh Spooner to see if they might help with the training. Classes can be held as the choir is finishing on Sundays.
* Fr. Richard has invited Eileen to dream about the optimum design of our church school, without consideration for staffing and resources. How can we address the needs of our young people, including teens? Possibilities include inviting 10-12 year olds to meet during the week, allowing them to develop a room for themselves, integrating them into our service if they like (reading, acolyting, ushering, altar guild, coffee hour), encouraging outside ministry and service projects. Dream about things that would have the power to affect our kids’ lives. The vestry’s job will be to see how we can work toward making the dream happen. Diane is willing to continue as liaison to Family Worship as she works to find ways to connect with the Family Worship team. Fr. Richard will commission the Family Worship team on the first Sunday in Advent. This will provide an opportunity for the congregation to show appreciation for its work.
* Eileen has created an app to help in providing meals for those who are sick.

# Review of Last Month’s Events

* Holy Trinity was well represented at the October 21 Revival. We continue to talk about what an inspiring speaker and wonderful storyteller Bishop Curry is.
* The theme of the October 25/26 diocesan convention was a continuation of the Revival—the more we love, the better it gets.
* Lorraine has suggested that we have the International Dinner on Veterans Day weekend every year.

# Upcoming Events

* Nancy will send around an email regarding food for the November 18 Stewardship Breakfast.
* December 2 is the first Sunday in Advent. The Family Worship team will be commissioned. Following the service and at 5:30 Monday evening wreaths will be made. The Family Worship Christmas program will follow the cookie sale on December 16. Susan Howland will chair the cookie sale. We will have an expanded coffee hour that day.
* Christmas Eve service will be at 4 p.m.

# Building & Grounds

# Tamsin Lucey reported that as a result of the building inspection we have some areas to correct before the reinspection, possibly at the end of November. The alarm company will replace the faulty sensor.

# The Health Inspector requires that we clean underneath the downstairs oven. Also, we need to get test strips for the sanitizing solution. We will request a waiver of the $200 inspection fee.

# Lynn asked if we can have the Christmas candle pew poles painted.

# In gratitude for all that Brian Canty does, Peg suggested a monetary award. Possibly a contribution in his name would be better received. The vestry was asked to bring suggestions to the next meeting.

# Stewardship

Stewardship letters are going into the mail now. Nancy has conducted the stewardship drive for many years, and she would be happy to give it up. The vestry will think about a replacement for next year.

# Parrettie Committee

Peg explained that she will be stepping down from the Parrettie Committee. The vestry is asked to think of a replacement.

Closing prayer – Prayer for the Parish

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

# Next Vestry Meeting December 12, 2018 @ 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Peg Nelson, Clerk