

APPROVED

Minutes

Vestry Meeting – July 10, 2019

Present: John Grant, Susan Howland, Diane Nichols, Lynn Garland, Lorraine Brumskine, Lana Pieczynski, Tamsin Lucey, Nancy Waugh, Rose Reith, Peg Nelson

Fr. Richard opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. with prayer and bible study: Luke 10:25-37.

Business

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the June 2019 vestry meeting minutes, as amended.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the June 2019 Treasurer's report.

- Fr. Richard offered a prayer for Chris Bolte, who has Lyme Disease.
- For the 150th anniversary, gifts designated for the building fund were allocated to the building fund. The loose plate offering far exceeded its normal amount, and those monies were allocated to loose plate. Contributions to the free-will offering box were designated to account 4099, All Other. Money was transferred out of savings for the vestry-approved \$1,350 expenses for the celebration.
- Church insurance is now offering insurance for \$100 per year to immigrant sanctuary churches.
- Susan has received and reviewed a recent clergy pension fund communication. There are no changes that affect Fr. Richard.
- For the Community Gardens, the Cornerstone Bank grant of \$300 was received. Tamsin added that the Hometown Bank grant has been approved. Susan has established in and out accounts for Community Garden funds.
- Anne Bouvier-Monroe's contract provides for 5 weeks of vacation. Anne has requested an additional 3 weeks without pay. Her salary each week is \$200, \$25 of which she will receive for administrative duties that she continues to perform while not playing on Sunday. She will not receive the remaining \$175. The Finance Committee will be working on her salary package. In the future, a notice will be published in the bulletin about when Anne will not be playing.
- Starting on September 1, the Childreach fee will increase by \$2. The \$2 difference will be taken from the Mission Fund for the last four months of 2019. Beginning in January 2020 the cost of \$35 will be indicated on the sign-up sheet, and it will be noted that two people may sign up for a month.

Rector's Items

- Fr. Richard would like to purchase the prayer book Daily Prayer for All Seasons for each parishioner. A printed paperback copy is \$20. As it happens, the book is now in the public domain so Susan has downloaded it to our website. There will be a sign-up sheet for anyone wishing a paperback copy, and Fr. Richard will submit an article for the Tidings. Fr. Richard will use his Christian Formation budget for those purchases.

Review of Last Month's Events

- John thanked the committee for a successful anniversary celebration.

Upcoming Events

- Pam Mott will have a Small Church Summit 2.0 on September 28. As yet, there are no details.

Building & Grounds

- Tamsin reported that Susan is working with P&P to get a revised quote for stairs now that the Building Inspector will allow them to be repaired. The repair can include repointing, replacing the brick work, reusing or replacing treads. We don't need to worry about the nonconformed step at the top. Before November we must replace the railing with rail that can be held.
- We are waiting for the ground to firm up enough to bring in equipment for replacement of the ridge piece.
- Brian continues to do odd jobs.
- Neal Dickson needs to come back to take outside measurements. He has taken everything that he needs inside.

Community Gardens

- Tamsin reported that produce and flowers are growing, and trellises are being put up for grape vines. As a result of an onsite marshmallow roast that attracted attention, someone has donated a metal fire pit. John noted that Tamsin's and Bethlehem Lutheran Church's work years ago was the mustard seed for these gardens.

Mutual Ministry Review

It was agreed that there is homework to be done before we begin the Mutual Ministry Review discussion. At the next vestry meeting we will begin to work through the topics. Also, in preparation for rewriting the three covenants (one each month), the vestry will review and prepare suggestions for changes.

Fr. Richard's Vacation Schedule

Meredith Ward will be conducting services on August 18 and 25 and October 6. If Fr. Richard is away on September 29, it is likely that we will have Morning Prayer. Fr. Richard will prepare an article for the Tidings.

Closing prayer – Prayer for the Parish

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Next Vestry Meeting August 14, 2019 @ 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by Peg Nelson, Clerk