

Minutes

Vestry Meeting – September 11, 2019

Present: Fr. Richard, 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 7:10 p.m. with prayer and bible study: Luke 15:1-10.

Business

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

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

- Attorney Kathy Neal sent a letter to the landlord of the property behind the church where a tenant had created a dirt bike path partially on our land. There has been no more bike activity, but Attorney Neal said that she will take additional steps if necessary. It is unlikely that either the tenant or the landlord will repair the path. The vestry agreed to take no further action, and Tamsin will notify the attorney that we are satisfied with the current situation.

Rector's Items

- Fr. Richard will be on vacation in California on September 29 and October 6. Tamsin will conduct Morning Prayer on September 29, and Meredith Ward will be here on October 6.
- Fr. Richard has offered our church to host the Thanksgiving ecumenical service on Tuesday, November 26, at 7 p.m.

Review of Last Month's Events

- Vacation Bible School, which was held on August 11, 18, and 25, was enjoyed by the participating parents. They liked that it was low key.

Upcoming Events

- John will present the Pecha Kucha at the September 28 Small Church Summit 2.0. Rose will take notes to share with the vestry, and Nancy will help answer questions about our experiences in moving toward a part-time priest. A major goal of Small Church Summit is to share experiences with and learn from other churches.
- Blessing of the animals is scheduled for October 6. Meredith will give us guidance on whether she wants to do that.
- The UTO Ingathering will be Sunday, October 20.
- Susan will register the group who will be attending the Diocesan Convention on November 9.
- Lorraine would like to repeat the International Dinner. It was decided that this event will be held on November 16 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Building & Grounds

- Brian will install the Episcopal Church sign once he hears from Dig Safe.
- Brian will repair the concrete step to the undercroft by applying a mixture of Redi-Crete and an epoxy.
- Brian has removed the JennAire stove top and capped the metal pipe. He is working on a laminate counter top to put over that space.

- Neal Dixon, of Dixon and Salo, will report on his feasibility study and provide estimates for various projects once he meets with P&P, who are currently involved in another project in town.

Extended, Overnight Building Use

The vestry is in agreement with Cat's overnight use of the undercroft for a Girl Scout event. Currently we do not have a policy and procedure in place for overnight rental events. Tamsin will ask Chris to prepare an addendum to the rental application which spells out details such as which rooms and bathrooms can be used, kitchen use, clean-up stipulations, etc. We will obtain a copy of the Girl Scout liability insurance policy. There will be no charge for their use for this event. Any construction work equipment will be locked away.

Messy Church and Other Ideas

Rose Reith explained that Messy Church started out as church for families who haven't found other forms of church to be engaging. People gather to connect, share ideas, explore themes of bible stories, song, prayer and worship experience and perhaps share a meal at a time other than Sunday morning. Discussion centered on whether we could try this out for perhaps a liturgical season or once a month or once a quarter. Susan will email the 2-minute video about Messy Church. At John's suggestion this item was tabled to the next meeting so that we have time to think about it.

Mutual Ministry Review

In order to move forward on recommendations resulting from our discussion with Pam Mott, Susan and Diane will work on revisions to the Letter of Agreement for Fr. Richard. Fr. Richard and Lorraine will update the Clergy portion of the Covenant, John and Lana will revise the Vestry portion, and Nancy and Tamsin will rewrite the Parish portion. All updates will be sent to Rose, Lynn and Peg to review and edit as necessary before they are submitted to the entire vestry.

Closing prayer – Prayer for the Parish

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Next Vestry Meeting October 9, 2019 @ 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by Peg Nelson, Clerk