

APPROVED

Minutes

Vestry Meeting – November 13, 2019

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

Regrets: Lana Pieczynski.

Fr. Richard opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. with prayer and bible study: Luke 21:5-19.

Business

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

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the October 2019 Treasurer's report. A question was raised concerning the arrearage. Susan stated that, although she is not concerned now, going forward we will need to make budget adjustments if the arrearage exceeds 10%. John will reach out to the pledge secretary about contacting those in arrears to learn what to expect.

- The Finance Committee will schedule a follow-up meeting in the event pledges do not meet the budgeted pledge need.
- **A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept donations from Joe DiSalvatore of a flat panel Sony TV and a food processor and to purchase an HDMI cord.**
- Names were suggested for the next vestry class recruitment to replace Tamsin and Susan. Lynn has agreed to being nominated for her second three-year term.
- A copy of the Dixon Salo Architect's preliminary report was distributed prior to this meeting and is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Susan does not expect any significant changes in the final report. It was agreed that, after getting the final report, a meeting between the Town Planner and Susan, Diane and Lynn (if an evening meeting) will be requested to discuss use of the space by an organization such as a food pantry or a church second-hand store. The architect is looking into the possibility of using a conveyor belt system to receive the monthly delivery of food. Fr. Richard suggested that converting the existing door on the Stagias side to a Dutch door may work for delivery.

Rector's Items

- **A motion was made, seconded and approved to confirm the Worship Leaders/Eucharistic Ministers licenses for Lorraine, Joe, Jean, Laura, Mick, Tamsin, Judy and Lynn.** Fr. Richard encouraged Lynn to make application to the diocese; she has already received training. Fr. Richard will sign and submit the approved form to the diocese.
- The Thanksgiving ecumenical service will be held at Holy Trinity on November 26 and 7 p.m. Diane, John and Lorraine have volunteered to read. We will need to provide refreshments for a reception following the service.
- There is some concern about the length of the worship service. Recommended suggestions were to limit announcements to only those not in the bulletin and to remind us that the God Moments are to be a brief comment about how we have seen God in our life during the week. Also discussed were sharing God Moments in the bulletin or the Tidings, suspending God Moments on days when we have a healing service or some other service activity, and possibly having God Moments once a month.

Susan distributed information about OpportUNITY for the Tri-CommUNITY (OpT), an effort to build a coalition within the community to increase opportunity and to reduce poverty. In conversation with the successful Tamarack Institute in Canada and in coalition with a core team of local business, government, the non-profit sector and those who have lived the experience, OpT is engaging in conversation to bring about systematic change. Soup and bread will be offered to the community at 6 P.M. on November 14 in the undercroft of Holy Trinity Church to explain the initiative.

Upcoming Events

- The International Dinner is on Saturday, November 16, at 3 p.m.
- Lynn will circulate a sign-up sheet for the Stewardship Brunch on November 24.

The December vestry meeting will begin with discussion about the revised Mutual Ministry Review documents.

Nancy volunteered to join John in a meeting with Mark Rogers, Senior Warden at the Church of the Reconciliation, Webster, regarding their next steps now that they do not have a priest.

Closing prayer – Prayer for the Parish

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM

Next Vestry Meeting December 11, 2019 @ 7 P.M. November 13, 2019 @ 7:00 PM