

Minutes

Vestry Meeting - February 12, 2020

Present: John Grant, Diane Nichols, Lynn Garland, Rose Reith, Lorraine Brumskine, Lana Pieczynski

Regrets: Robin Yates, Peg Nelson

Guest: Eileen DeMings

Fr. Richard opened the meeting at 7:08 p.m. with prayer and bible study: Mathew 5: 21-37

Business

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the January 2020 vestry meeting minutes.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the January 2020 Treasurer's report.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to use Bruce Rockwell to do an outside audit.

Family Worship

Eileen DeMings will be the liaison to the vestry for family worship.

Eileen will let the vestry know when arrangements are made to offer safe church training at Holy Trinity.

Thinking about the youth Jr High age members.

1. Formal committee for family worship that meets regularly New Curriculum researched by Cat Reith-Lowery. Episcopal Children's Curriculum. Approved by Father Richard.
2. Schedule: Weeks 2 and 4 will continue to be Family Worship Sundays with a lesson. Weeks 1 and 3 will be a children's church service along with an ongoing project, which supports the curriculum. Week 5 will be in church with the hopes that children can participate in various parts of the worship service
3. Teaching: Cat will continue to be our lead teacher with support from the following volunteers: Rose Reith, Mary Bridget Burns, Heather Bousquet and Karon Lacey. Eileen DeMings will help with administrative duties.
4. FW will go straight to the Parish Hall in order to give us more time with the lessons. We will strive to return for the Offertory. We will need a five-minute warning from an usher or other person to keep us on track.
5. We would like to change our protocol to allow for children/youth to attend any week without a parent, provided that Safe Church practices are in place. It was important to all that each family makes the choice of whether to attend the service in the parish hall or the sanctuary.
6. Cat would like to create a committee for Family Worship, which will define roles and meet regularly.

Family Worship Camping Weekend: May 15-17 at Wells State Park. More details to come!

Buildings and Grounds Report- emailed

Rector's Items

- Invite Jose to give a sermon then ask for volunteers for a steering committee
- Fr. Richard's Reports
 - Fr Richard would like to explore a grant for St Luke from the diocese
 - Fr. Richard would like to do a pulpit swap with Fr. J. Edgar Freeman from Trinity Church Shrewsbury March 15, 2020 to honor Black History month.
- Parish Leadership Day (March 14th)
Super Saturday Registration John will do a group registration
Diane will send email with the deadline of January 23, to pick the workshops that you are interested in.

New Roles & Responsibilities

Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept Susan Howland's proposed role as media and communication director.

Emergency Policy and Procedures

- Snow Emergency
Sr Warden will inform the Communication Director when there is a parking ban in effect in Southbridge the church will be closed.

Review of Last Month's Events

- Jan. 06 Epiphany Service and Potluck

Vestry Retreat

Diane will look at dates in late April at the North Brookfield Sr Center.

Upcoming Events

- Shrove Tuesday / Ash Wednesday 12 & 7 individual ashes offered 4:30-5:00
- Easter Services – The crosses will be adorned with new drapes.

The Closing – We go out in God's Name

- Closing Prayer
- Meeting adjourned

Next Vestry Meeting

March 11th, 2020

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Waugh