

## Minutes

Vestry Meeting – January 8, 2020

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

Regrets: Lorraine Brumskine

Fr. Richard opened the meeting at 7:07 p.m. with prayer and bible study: Matthew 3: 13-17.

### Business

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

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

**A motion was made, seconded and approved to add \$180 to the Legacy Fund principle.**

**A motion was made, seconded and approved to add a flat rate of \$45 to the Bread Box Company rent for gas. \$45 is the historical monthly average.**

**A motion was made, seconded and approved for the Daughters of the King to work with Suzy Sharp to identify ministries to be recipients of our mission plate offerings and bring the suggestions to the vestry with information about why the ministries were chosen.** All donations must be made to an authorized charity (501c3 Not for Profit). This action was taken to support Suzy, especially while she is away during the winter.

**A motion was made, seconded and approved to add \$2,000 given by John Dirlam to the Dirlam Fund.**

**A motion made, seconded and approved to pass the 2020 budget.**

### Fr. Jose Reyes

Fr. Jose Reyes, Missioner for Hispanic Ministries for the diocese, joined us to explain his ongoing outreach experience at St. Mark's in Worcester and to share an outreach model for neighborhood engagement. Additionally, he told about how the diaper ministry at St. Michaels on the Heights in Worcester, which serves about 180 families a month, has evolved to include a lunch. Conversation at those lunches reveals that there is a transportation problem for many, which may result in the ministry moving to St. Mark's for convenience but yet be handled by St. Michaels. Out next step is discernment—imagine what we can do without worrying about obstacles such as money or language; talk to community leaders to learn the community's needs. We will meet again with Fr. Reyes.

Susan Howland described her proposed new role and a suggested title. Susan passed out a list of responsibilities that she would take on as Assistant to the Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper and Liaison to the Vestry.

Tamsin Lucey described her ongoing efforts in "Creation Care." She will attend a meeting on January 22 of a Central Mass grassroots group about climate change.

Since Tamsin will be stepping off the vestry, the Building Committee will prepare written reports for vestry meetings, as needed.

Closing prayer – Prayer for the Parish

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Next Vestry Meeting February 12, 2020 @ 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by Peg Nelson, Clerk