

## Minutes

Zoom Vestry Meeting – October 14, 2020

Present: John Grant, Lynn Garland, Susan Howland, Nancy Waugh, Rose Reith, Lana Pieczynski, Suzy Sharp, Josh Spooner, Robin Yates

Regrets: Lorraine Brumskine

Fr. Richard opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. with prayer  
Bible Study – Fr Richard 20 minutes Mathew chapter 22 vs 15-22.

## Old Business

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

Planning for the Capital Campaign – Bill Pieczynski has agreed to chair the capital campaign. Susan Howland and Lynn Garland have volunteered to serve on the capital campaign committee.

## Treasurer's Report

**A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the September 2020 treasurer's report.**

## Announcements

## Ministry/Committee Reports

- Communications – The mail chimp going out each week. Recently the opening rate of the mail chimp has been lower. Susan was able to change prayer garden service to the vertical view. The outside services are being streamed with a cell phone. The ECW cookbook is helping the parishioners that are not on-line feel more connected. They are sending in recipes by postal mail.
- Building Committee Report – work on tower complete all four sides. Found two holes in the roof and extra slate repairs not in the original quote. Flat roof and wall in Narthex will be done before winter. There will be a second quote from another contractor for the ramp. Boiler has been serviced and tested for the season. Tasse's plans to label the heating system. Greg continues cleaning building will continue with snow removal. Tamsin will ask Jean to reset the thermostat. Susan will check pricing to fill the oil tank while prices are low.
- Stewardship In gathering November 22, 2020. Looking for fun in-gathering ideas on Saturday November 21,2020 as a drive by pledge drive. Asked the vestry to think of an incentive give away for parishioners to participate.

## New Business

- Family Worship materials storage- Rose suggested there should be a space analysis. Allocation of space for storage for family worship supplies is the most urgent with the forward movement of the neighborhood ministries. Robin volunteered to help Rose organize. Lynn shared that Tamsin would also help.
- Neighborhood Engagement Susan - Meeting today with Rev Jose Reyes moving forward with unused space. Susan has ranked the surveys there were stunning ideas; coat closet valuable in community, Leslie Wong from the Sturbridge Senior Center seniors are interested in donating things, the need for internet access for students. The meeting has produced a proposal that the committee would like to bring to the November vestry meeting. St John's Ashfield has diocesan approved for a similar plan. Susan will forward

a previous estimate from P&P to put in a walkway to downstairs. The Food Share food pantry will need a shoot to bring food into the building. **A motion was made, seconded, and approved to get estimates to modify the building for Food Share use.**

- Diocesan Convention Susan – Susan contacted the vestry delegates to inquire if delegates were receiving convention communications. Convention delegates have registered on-line.

## Rector's Report

- Further thoughts about relocating altar and reconfiguring pews
  - Arrange the pews to look like a baseball diamond. Proposing an idea of selling the pews and buying chairs to have more flexibility of the space for learning and liturgy.
- Review of in-person/online worship services
  - Outside service for October weather permitting.
  - Facebook live will continue for those not comfortable with returning to in person worship
  - Returning to Inside worship in November with a limit 10 person in the sanctuary. There would be a sign up for services in advance.
  - Check with Anne and Cat with their comfort with a 10-person limit
- Review of coffee hour (Sunday) and a Fellowship hour (Thursday)
- Ways to increase Fr. Richard's connection with the parish. The 10-person in church worship might help with Fr. Richard's feeling more connected to the parish.

## The Closing – We go out in God's Name

- Closing Prayer – Prayer for the parish read together
- Meeting adjourned at 9:14 PM

## Next Vestry Meeting

November 11, 2020

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Waugh, clerk pro-temporary.