

**Minutes**

Zoom Vestry Meeting – February 10, 2021

Present: Fr. Richard, Lynn Garland, Susan Howland, Nancy Waugh, Lorraine Brumskine, Eileen DeMings, Lana Pieczynski, Rose Reith, Josh Spooner, Robin Yates, Peg Nelson.

Regrets: John Grant

Fr. Richard opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. with prayer and Bible study: Mark 9:2-9.

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

Lynn welcomed Eileen and Peg to the vestry.

**A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the January 13, 2021, vestry meeting minutes.**

As chairman of the Finance Committee, Susan explained that line 4014 Pledge-Current Year will be corrected to reflect 1/12th of pledges prepaid for 2021. Also, line 5600-Unfulfilled Pledges is a deficit. Following a brief explanation of the report, **a motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the January 2021 Treasurer's report, with adjustments.**

Fr. Richard reminded the vestry of the diocesan program "Training as a Lay Preacher." The first class is February 14, and Lorraine has submitted her paperwork to participate.

Lynn would like our young people to be able to continue their tradition of creating an Alleluia Banner. Eileen will reach out to Cat to formulate a plan for Family Worship to make a banner.

**Motions were made, seconded and approved to accept the following committee memberships:**

- **Parrettie Committee:** Lynn Garland, Sr. Warden, Susan Howland, Jr. Warden, Barbara Kalber, Lana Pieczynski, Tamsin Lucey; Nancy Waugh and Fr. Richard ex-officio, voice, no vote.
- **Endowment Committee:** Mick Kalber, chair 2019- 2022, 3rd term expires Annual Meeting of 2022 (term limit expires); Bill Pieczynski, 2020-2023, 3rd term expires Annual Meeting of 2023 (term limit expires); Jean Frost, 2021-2024, 3rd term expires Annual Meeting of 2024 (term limit expires); Treasurer and Rector ex-officio.
- **Pledge Secretary:** Mick Kalber.
- **Finance Committee:** Susan Howland, chair, Nancy Waugh, Peg Nelson, Josh Spooner.
- **Building Committee:** Tamsin Lucey, Nate Lowery, Brian Canty, Susan Howland (Greg Nikolla, sexton, advisor to the committee).
- **Stewardship Committee:** Lynn Garland, Nancy Waugh.

**MINISTRY/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Daughters of the King: Lorraine reported that they are collecting items for Liberia—school supplies, toiletries, clothes—with the plan to ship near the end of March. She has purchased the shipping barrels. The large barrel costs \$250 to ship and the smaller barrel costs \$125 to ship.

Communication: Susan reported:

- We have purchased a computer for streaming and virtual meetings. It should arrive at the end of the month. This will be reimbursed by a grant from the diocese.
- Cat, John and Susan are looking into our internet connection problems.
- Cat will train Susan, John and Rose to handle our services on FB Live while she is on maternity leave. A Tech column has been added to the Ministry Scheduler.

- It was agreed that we should continue with the MailChimp newsletter as we have been doing even though the opening rate is lower.
- The cookbook has been named The Pandemic Cookbook. Susan will put it up in a Google doc with the opportunity to continue to add recipes. Once we reopen for services, she will take down the Google doc and put it up as a PDF on the website.
- A virtual baby shower is planned for Cat on February 28. Eileen can be contacted regarding making monetary contributions with which she will purchase gift cards.

Vestry members thought that the Zoom Annual Meeting went quite well and thanked Susan and Cat for their tech work and Lana for suggesting the inclusion of God Moments.

Building Report: Tamsin had emailed her report prior to the meeting, and there were no questions and no actions to be taken.

Family Worship/Faith Formation: Eileen and Rose expressed the interest of Family Worship to resume meeting (remotely) as they did prior to Covid. They would like to join in the beginning of the service up to the readings, adjourn to participate as families in a Gospel-based lesson plan, and then rejoin when it is time for communion. Possibilities for accomplishing this so that families can see faces are Google Meet and Zoom. A Faith Formation steering committee, with Eileen as chair, will be established. Parishioners will be invited through Mail Chimp to participate in this committee and/or offer suggestions for learning. Rose and Robin have volunteered to be part of the committee.

Neighborhood Ministries: Robin reported that they are writing letters to Southbridge community leaders to determine how we might help with after-school education needs, such as a learning or a computer lab. Once they receive responses they will develop a final plan, hopefully in a few weeks. This may involve boosting our internet capacity in the parish hall.

Social Studies Class: The class will continue with its curriculum about white privilege.

#### **RECTOR'S REPORT**

- Ash Wednesday is February 17. There will be Zoom services at Noon and 7 P.M. from the sanctuary and private administration of ashes for the children from 3:30 to 4:30. Those wishing to pick up ashes can do so between 3:30 and 4:30.
- If Fr. Richard determines that there will be travel problems because of the weather on February 14, he will conduct service via Zoom from his home.
- The diocese is encouraging people to get their vaccine shots. John Howland has offered to give the shot to parishioners 75 and over if they do not already have an arrangement. Robin will contact Barbara Wilson and Marilyn Theodoss about this option.

With our parish hall in mind, Rose reached out to Harrington Hospital to see if they might have a need for another vaccination location. Their response was that all of their resources are being used at this time.

Closing prayer – Prayer for the Parish

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Next Vestry Meeting March 10, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by Peg Nelson, Clerk