

Minutes

Zoom Vestry Meeting – March 10, 2021

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

Regrets: Lorraine Brumskine, Rose Reith

Fr. Richard opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. with prayer and Bible study: John 3: 14-21.

BUSINESS ITEMS

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the February 10, 2021, vestry meeting minutes, as amended.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the February 2021 Treasurer's report. Line 4009 Plate Offering will be corrected going forward.

In December, Tasse's put in 500 gallons of oil rather than the 2,000 gallons we had ordered, and we didn't get the \$1.75 price for the oil we could have used. Susan will look into that with Tasse's. **A motion was made, seconded and approved to order 3,000 gallons now and hoping for \$2.35/gallon.**

RECTOR'S REPORT

Plans for Holy Week require that we work within the field of the camera. To accomplish this, possibilities for using a handheld camera or moving the camera tripod farther back in the sanctuary were discussed.

Two palm sprays and 50 palms will be purchased for Palm Sunday. The palms will be blessed at the altar, and those present will process between the altar and the reredos. Palms will be available for outside pickup after the service. The traditional Maundy Thursday Eucharist will be held, including the stripping of the altar. This will be followed by the Easter Vigil. Chris will send out a link to Doodle for signup. The vigil will not be broadcast. Fr. Richard will conduct the Good Friday service at 7 P.M. from his house by Zoom. For Easter Sunday we will ask Chris to order two 8" lilies, two 6" lilies, and 14 6" tulips for the service, and 30 carnations for outdoor flowering of the cross. Lynn will coordinate the flowering of the cross.

Family Worship would like to participate in the Maundy Thursday service via Zoom, perhaps with a seder and re-creation of stripping of the altar within their homes. Lana volunteered to help coordinate FB Live from the church with Family Worship's Zoom.

On Good Friday, Family Worship will meet at 10:30 at St. Anne's in Sturbridge to walk the outdoor Stations of the Cross. Anyone interested in joining them is welcome.

Bishop Fisher, in a letter sent to clergy, suggested that it might be possible to allow in-person worship sometime in the Easter season. The vestry reviewed safety measures that will be implemented when it is time to reopen. We will continue to broadcast the service on FB even after reopening.

REVIEW OF RECENT ACTIVITY

The pancake dinner provided opportunities for good fellowship and to gradually resume Family Worship. Lynn will see that the drawings for the alleluia banner are glued to scroll paper with the word Alleluia printed in the middle.

MINISTRY/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Daughters of the King: Robin reported that the DOK is still collecting items with the hope of sending out a barrel at the end of March. Eileen suggested that Family Worship could possibly help collect items and asked Robin to give her a list of what is needed.

Communications: Susan's report is incorporated throughout these minutes.

Family Worship/Faith Formation: Family Worship plans were discussed by Eileen and are incorporated throughout these minutes.

Building Report: The Building Committee report was emailed prior to this meeting, and there are no questions or actions at this time.

Neighborhood Ministries: Robin reported that Susan Grant has reached out to Jasmine who will connect with the acting superintendent about a meeting with the school committee.

Daughters of the King: Nothing to report.

Social Studies Class: The class continues to feel that this is a helpful forum for discussion.

Fr. Richard spoke about two programs that the larger church has put out. The Beloved Community Organization is facilitating a discussion about the PBS series "The Black Church," which was hosted by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. Also, a virtual forum about Christian Nationalism will be conducted on March 18 at the Williamstown, Massachusetts, First Congregational Church. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry is one of the four panelists on this program. Chris will be asked to send out an all parish email about these two items.

Closing prayer – Prayer for the Parish

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next Vestry Meeting April 14, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by Peg Nelson, Clerk