**Minutes**

**APPROVED**

Zoom Vestry Meeting – May 12, 2021

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

Regrets: Eileen DeMings, Lorraine Brumskine

Fr. Richard opened the meeting at 7:06 p.m. with prayer and Bible study: St. Luke 24: 44-53.

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the April 14, 2021, vestry meeting minutes.**

As clerk, Peg has completed and returned the convention delegate form to the diocese.

# **A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the April 2021 Treasurer’s report.**

**A motion was made, seconded and approved to withdraw $450 from the Fitzpatrick Fund for a scholarship for graduating senior Abby Bullard, who will attend URI in the fall.**

Review of Return to In-Person Worship

Lynn reminded us of the need to balance support during the service for in-person participants as well as to the camera. Solutions to audio problems in the church were discussed. Governor Baker has announced that church congregations can now join in the singing. Fr. Richard has not yet received a response from the diocese to his inquiry about singing and whether Family Worship can resume in-person learning. It was agreed that we will ask the congregation to sing softly, all the while wearing masks. When asked, Josh stated that he has minimal concern with return to in-person Family Worship because children are back in school full time. The conflict is that herd immunity will not be achieved soon. Lana echoed Josh’s thoughts and added that FW is made of several families whom she trusts to be vigilant, much more than in public school; this is a choice that parents can make. The vestry agreed that FW can meet following the established protocols and opening windows.

**RECTOR’S REPORT**

Memorial Request (re: Bertha Dresser)

Fr. Richard has asked if the vestry feels that the Madonna is an appropriate piece to offer to Bertha Dresser’s family as a memorial. Another option is to replace chairs in the parish hall, but that cost is prohibitive. Lana feels that the chairs would be a more practical option, particularly since we are trying to make our church more welcoming to the community. A suggestion was made to support an outreach project, but there is money available for those needs in the Mission Fund and the Legacy Fund. Nancy explained that the green altar hangings are terribly faded and that the Altar Guild would like to replace them. It was the consensus of the vestry to propose purchasing a matched set of altar frontal, chasuble and stole, burse and veil, and lectern and pulpit hangings. The Altar Guild will look into the costs.

Vacation Plans

Fr. Richard will take the first two Sundays in June, June 2-18, to go to Alaska. Jean Frost will lead Morning Prayer on June 6 and Tamsin will lead on June 13. Anne is taking June 13 for vacation. Unless Lana has a graduation rain date conflict, she will play on that Sunday. Susan is happy to be part of the music team that Sunday.

**MINISTRY/COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES**

Communication Report:

Susan reported that Chris has just been diagnosed with MS. She is in treatment.

Chris would like to move to a twice-a-month MailChimp now that we are worshiping in person. The vestry is in agreement.

While Cat is on maternity leave, Lana has agreed to help with the tech. There was a discussion of tech problems. Josh suggested that if we continue to have, say, 5 or fewer on FB Live, we need to make some decisions.

Building Committee:

Tamsin submitted an email, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The vestry is in agreement with the Building Committee’s plan of action regarding:

* Numbering external doors
* Logging by Greg of number, installation date, battery change date, and testing date of all emergency light units
* Installation of self-closing mechanism on fire exit door at far end of classroom wing hallway
* Inspection of fire escape stairs from parish hall. If it does not pass inspection, the Building Committee has an estimate to replace and reorient the door to meet code.

**The vestry seconded and approved a motion from the Building Committee to replace the concrete pad outside the fire exit door in the hallway closest to the Undercroft at a cost of $500.**

Susan reported that a second oil delivery takes our tank to about 6,500 gallons. Tasse’s honored the $2.06 price.

Because we are now continuing with our God Moments, those worshipping from home can submit God Moments through the FB Live chat function.

Closing prayer – Prayer for the Parish

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Next Vestry Meeting June 9, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by Peg Nelson, Clerk