

VESTRY MEETING January 13, 2023

Members Present: Doreen Marshall, Betsy Schumacher, Alice Bennett, Diane Siebecker, Linda Murrelle, Jeff Watson, Margaret Cole, Rev. Cn. Melinda Artman

Absent: Ruth Barber, Rev. Scott Harvey

Treasurer: Bruce Carpenter

Chairperson- Rev. Cn. Melinda Artman

Opening Prayer

Agenda: Motion to accept the draft agenda made by Linda Murrelle. Second by Jeff Watson. Motion Carries.

Discussion-none

Minutes: Motion to accept the December 13, 2022 minutes. Motion made by Margaret Cole. Second by Jeff Watson. Motion Carries-Ruth Barber absent

Discussion: Spelling mistakes

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Alice Bennett and second by Jeff Watson. Motion carries- Ruth Barber absent

Discussion: None

Bruce Carpenter highlighted the following-

- This is the last time he will be using QuickBooks
- Revenue is above budget-Income -20% higher than projected
- Expenses-most came in below budget or at budget

Final Budget

Motion to approve the budget as presented made by Linda Murrelle. Second by Jeff Watson. Motion carries with Ruth Barber absent.

Discussion-None

Senior Warden's Report: Linda Murrelle

- Vestry Terms- Deb Zurn has resigned. Ruth Barber and Margaret Cole's terms are ending. Ruth does not want to run again. Margaret will run again.
 - We still need at least one of the 2 positions filled- Thoughts are to talk with Tom Dix, Larry Gabb and Amy and Glen Murrelle. Bruce Carpenter will run. The annual meeting will be the end of the month (January) and will need nominees for the meeting. If we cannot find another person there is the option to reduce the vestry by one member with a vote at the annual meeting.

- Annual Meeting- Will be January 22, 2023, with a Pot Luck.
- December Community Supper- St. John sponsored. 60 dinners were served.
 - February is heart health month. The Cath lab is sponsoring and will do blood pressure screenings. They will also have material to hand out for a health heart.

Junior Warden's Report:-Jeff Watson

- All 3 boilers are in operation and there are no issues to report.
- We are having an issue with controlling the heat in the parlor. We are currently using the thermostat in the conference room to control the parlor temperature. We suspect a back-flow valve to be the problem. An exact replacement has been difficult to locate. I am continuing to look for a replacement.
- There is an issue with our alarm system. The alarm company was in on Wednesday 1-4 and replaced the 2 main batteries. The system is working as it should.
- We have purchased the new "entrance/exit" signs for the parking lot. The entrance sign has been installed; the exit sign will be installed when the ground is soft enough to straighten the mounting post.
- There is an issue with the organ pipes collecting brick debris. We continue to look for a qualified mason.
- The cost to install ADA toilets is substantial: \$600-\$900 each just for the toilet. I have located an extension seat that will raise the height of the existing toilets from 16 inches to 19.5 inches; bringing our toilets into compliance. The cost of the extension seat is \$80 each.
- Prayer wall-Someone punched a hole in the wall. Materials have been bought to fix.

Rector Report:

- Annual meeting topics: Table top discussion as in past years. This year-What should the parish do with a substantial bequest of almost a million dollars?
- Rev. Artman summarized her sabbatical-read, week in Vermont and Florida, attended two conferences, enjoyed cooking from scratch and is now refreshed and ready to jump back in.

Assistant Pastor- None provided-Pastor Harvey was absent

Sunday School-Betsy Schumacher

- Finishing up the wisemen.
- Currently have 7-8 children weekly
- Starting David and then moving into Easter

Youth Group-Margaret Cole

- Great time Caroling-2 youth and adults participated
- Margaret asked if candelabras could be left up year-round. Vestry agreed.

Old Business-

- Further discussion on how the recent bequest might be used.

- Diane Siebecker made a motion to table this discussion until the money has been received.

New Business-

- Approval of Rector's Housing Allowance- Motion to approve the Rector's housing allowance made by Alice Bennett. Second by Margaret Cole. Motion carries.
- Centralizing request made of staff-
 - Use maintenance request forms
 - Funnel all request through Senior Warden, Priest, or Vestry.
- Alice Bennett has requested that we specifically solicit an item each month for the Valley Food Pantry. Ex. January-Cereal-with each month being different
- Diane Siebecker- asked about topics that the Vestry wanted to revisit once Rev. Artman returned-Keys, Class A cleaning-Yes there is a notebook to convey needs, Book of Abundance-are we reading this?, and an update on the Lawyers looking into the easement issue-These will be added to next month's meeting.

Adjourn- Motion made by Linda Murrelle and second by Jeff Watson- 9:25

Closing Prayer

Next meeting is Tuesday, February 14, 2023 @ 6:30

Respectfully Submitted,
Doreen Marshall
Clerk of Vestry