

## VESTRY MEETING APRIL 11, 2023

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

**Also present:** Rev. Scott Harvey

**Absent:** none

**Treasurer:** Bruce Carpenter

**Chairperson:** Rev. Cn. Melinda Artman

### Opening Prayer

**Agenda:** Motion to accept the draft agenda made by Linda Murrelle. Second by Doreen Marshall. Motion carries. Discussion: none.

**Minutes:** Motion to accept the March 9, 2023 minutes made by Alice Bennett. Second by Bruce Carpenter. Motion carries.

Discussion: In the Rector's/Assistant Rector's Report in Bullet 11 – typo heels not heals.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Linda Murrelle. Second by Margaret Cole. Motion carries.

### Highlights:

- Line item 5146 Alarm System Expense exceeded the Annual Budget. This was unavoidable.
- The Fire Alarm System needs attention. The signal to the Phone Company may or may not work. To be researched – Sentry, ADT, Teledair for quotes.
- Net Operating Income in the hole \$9,788.
- Line item 5316 Workman's Compensation/Disability Expense far exceeds annual budgeted amount. Bruce will look into this.
- Receipts & Expenses explained with an overview comparing month & year totals to previous two years.
- Donation to The Bridge \$310. A donation is given quarterly.
- Window Restoration Project – funds still needed \$1937.81. Note: will meet goal next month.

### Senior Warden's Report:

- March Community Supper was sponsored by the Sayre Rotary. They also donated \$175. towards the meal which included Pork, Dressing, Peas, & Dessert. \$75. in donations was received. Sixty meals served including take-out.
- There is a plumbing issue (both sinks) in the Sacristy. Jeff will look at this.

- The Compressor in one refrigerator went bad & coolant leaked. This is not worth fixing. Linda will price a new refrigerator.
- Church clean-up day was held March 25. This was very successful with good participation. Noted having a “to do” list was very helpful. Next indoor clean-up will be for the downstairs including the undercroft. Date to be determined.

**Junior Warden’s Report:**

- All 3 boilers are in operation & there are no issues or alarms to report. Boilers will be shut down end of next week (depending on temperature).
- Cook Stove was disassembled & a pilot light was repaired. Recommend turning the pilot lights on (back of the stove top) on a regular basis.
- A light in the Atrium was repaired.
- A repair has been made to the carpet in the Parish Hall. We may need to consider a replacement in the future.

**Rector’s Report:**

- A parishioner has a medical bill of about \$1000. Pastor Melinda plans to pay off this bill.
- Communion Cups – discussion on common cup vs. individual cups. It is decided this will be Pastor’s choice.
- “Kudos” to Pastor Scott for his pastoring/ministry in the past month.
- All services throughout the Lenten Season were great. Our Palm Sunday attendance was nearly at pre-COVID levels.

**Assistant Rector’s Report:**

- Continue with Prayer Warriors
- Attended Chrism Mass (Lutheran)
- Holy Week Services busy & rewarding
- Bible Study completed

**Sunday School Report:**

- Finishing up Lenten Study
- Upcoming Mother’s Day Breakfast

**Youth Group Report:**

- No news to report

**St. Mary’s Guild Report:**

- Rummage Sale April 21 & April 22. Set up will be April 20
- Annual Picnic at Betsy Schumacher’s on June 1

**Old Business:**

- A certified letter was received from Cliff Hall regarding a truck blocking the driveway (Boy Scout Rummage Sale). Pastor Melinda will put a reminder in the eBlast to be mindful of parking & turning around in the easement area.

- Parish Park Fair is June 10. A planning meeting is April 19 at 7:00 pm in the Parlor. Have a PayPal account for use during the fair.

**New Business:**

- The meeting was paused to go into Executive Session. Motion made by Pastor Melinda & seconded by Bruce Carpenter. Motion carries.
- Re-establishing counting teams – this is good church financial practice. Cannot be check signers (Bruce, Linda). Volunteers will need education. Pastor Melinda will request volunteers in eBlast.
- Offering Plate – All in agreement we can go back to having the ushers do the collection.
- Diane requested new signs for the fire extinguishers. There are 13 fire extinguishers in the building. All agree this is a good idea & Jeff will take on this project.
- AED, CPR, Fire Training, & possibly Active Shooter Training to be offered in the future.
- Spring clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, May 13. This is for the outdoors – weeding, trimming, etc. around our property.
- Agree to partner with St. John’s Lutheran Church in a CHOP distribution for 150 families. This is the “Child Hunger Outreach Project”. Cost includes \$250. from each church plus volunteer hours. Will occur sometime this spring or summer. Monies will be from our Discretionary Fund.
- Adopting and/or assisting with maintenance of garden beds at the Guthrie Community Gardens – some of the crops go to persons who don’t have enough food (food insecure). Alice, Mary Rhodes, & Pastor Melinda volunteer. All welcome to be a part of this endeavor. A meeting will be held April 15.
- Narcan Training is being held Sunday, May 7 at 1:00 pm @ the Tioga Downs Hotel in Nichols, NY. Pastor Melinda encourages attendance & also requests we send Jerry Evans (our Parish Administrator) including paying her salary to attend. May be able to split the expense with St. John’s Lutheran Church.
- The Diocese’s “Gather 23” Conference will be held Saturday, May 20 at the Split Rock Resort in Lake Harmony, PA. The theme this year is “Piece by Piece”. All are invited to attend. Please register in advance for this event.

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**Adjourn:** Motion made by Bruce. Second by Alice – 8:51 pm

Next Meeting is Tuesday, May 9, 2023 @ 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Siebecker  
Clerk of Vestry

