

VESTRY MEETING MAY 9, 2023

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

Also present: Rev. Scott Harvey

Absent: Alice Bennett

Treasurer: Bruce Carpenter

Chairperson: Rev. Cn. Melinda Artman

Opening Prayer

Agenda: Motion to accept the draft agenda made by Linda Murrelle. Second by Margaret Cole. Motion carries. Discussion: addition to the agenda – an opportunity for Scott.

Minutes: Motion to accept the April 11, 2023 minutes made by Bruce Carpenter. Second by Jeff Watson. Motion carries. Discussion: Betsy noted change in date for St. Mary's Guild Picnic. Will be Thursday, June 8 not Thursday, June 1.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report made by Doreen Marshall. Second by Jeff Watson. Motion carries.

Highlights:

- Net Operating Income has a surplus of \$495.00
- Corrections from March 2023 P&L made as needed
- Window Restoration Project surpassed goal (once pledges are complete) by \$827.19. This surplus will be used to purchase plaques & for a celebration. There are still windows to be adopted.
- Information on the Worker's Compensation/Disability Expense (Line Item 5316) not available. Insurance coverage to be reviewed by the Insurance Co.

Senior Warden's Report:

- April's Community Supper was sponsored by Strong Women/Strong Bones. Approximately 65 people (including take-out) were served a meal of Goulash, Salad, Roll & Dessert.
- The spring Rummage Sale cleared \$1183.00.
- Items are being prepared for the Parish Park Fair in June.
- Received quotes for a refrigerator from Croft's & Lowe's. Croft's has Summit Brand 20 cubic foot for \$1125.00 & a 17 cubic foot for \$995.00. They will take away the old refrigerator. Lowe's has a Frigidaire for \$699.00 & a Midea for \$939.00. Lowe's will take away the old refrigerator for a fee of \$50.00. A motion was made by Diane Siebecker to purchase the \$1125.00 refrigerator from Croft's. Second by Jeff Watson. Motion carries.

Junior Warden's Report:

- All 3 boilers are in operation & there are no issues or alarms to report. Boilers will be shut down the end of next week (depending on temperature).
- The new exit sign was hung in our parking lot & the post was straightened.
- A "No Smoking" sign has been replanted in the parking area.
- A minor repair has been made to the drain grate outside of the Parish Hall.
- The Sacristy drain has been cleared using an acid cleaner.
- New fire extinguisher signs have been purchased & hung.
- One screen in the tower needs repair (there is a hole in it). Will request an estimate from John Paul for material & labor. Other option is for Jeff to do the repair. However, it is a treacherous climb to get into the tower.
- The shrubs on the park side have been trimmed by Jeff. The shrubs on the parking lot side have been trimmed by Glenn Murrelle. Discussion on removing the bushes on the parking lot side & replacing with a faux black wrought iron fence (similar to the fences placed in downtown Sayre). This would beautify the area & blend well with downtown. Jeff Watson made a motion to research the cost & if any variances are necessary. Also to inquire if Sayre Borough would be willing to help with cost. Bruce Carpenter seconded the motion & the motion carries.
- Carpet Cleaning in the Parish Hall will occur in August. Class A Cleaning will do this. Cost unknown at this time.
- Longevity (Rudy) is fertilizing the church lawn & providing weed control at no cost. A thank you note of appreciation will be sent.
- The pothole in the parking lot was taken care of.

Rector's Report:

- Due to repairs of the brickwork above the organ pipes the last 2 weeks of June worship will be in the Parish Hall or at SJLC. Clergy will decide.
- Pastor Melinda asked if a Rainbow Flag could be placed on the church Website. Vestry agreed to this – "The Episcopal Church Welcomes You".
- A photo of Vestry will be taken at next month's meeting. Bruce is updating the church website.
- Pastor Melinda requested to put the word out that volunteers are needed for counters for the collection plate.

Assistant Rector's Report:

- A voucher was written to help a person with a deposit to move into a new apartment (through The Bridge).
- Made 2 home visits with Communion. One a member of Redeemer, another a member of an Episcopal Church out of our diocese who is currently living here. Visited a member in the hospital.
- Helped with April's Community Supper.
- The outdoor workbee is scheduled for May 13.
- Gather 23 is scheduled for May 20.

- Helped Linda count the change in the gas can & was able to purchase 4 gift cards for \$25.00 each. We gave one to a family to be able to go to work after they used all their money to repair their car.
- Continuing preaching every other Sunday with Canon Melinda. The clergy preaching on Sunday leads the service the previous Saturday night. Also lead 2 Wednesday services per month at Redeemer & once a month for Family Service at SJLC.
- The Youth Group continues meeting twice a month with an average of 3 students. Thanks for Margaret Cole's leadership.
- Attended the Parish Street Fair meeting on April 27th.
- FYI: St. John's Lutheran Church VBS is scheduled for July 9 through July 13 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The program is "Operation Restoration". From their website: This VBS invites kids to be menders in God's world. As they make connections between Bible stories and mending actions, they'll discover simple ways to live out faith in daily life. Everyone in Operation Restoration explores language and practices to mend God's world.
- Prayer Warriors group has expanded by receiving additional scripture readings that reflect on Sunday's reading for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday along with preparation for the next week's readings on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
- Reminder that everyone is welcome to go to the Altar Rail after communion as they feel moved to do so.
- We are resuming having Ushers pass the collection plate during the service.

Sunday School Report:

- Mother's Day breakfast will be held May 14 at 9:30 am
- Donated \$480. to Heifer International for the Irrigation Project. The Girl Scout Troop donated \$83. of this money.
- VBS will be July 17, 18, 19 and 20. Plans are in progress for the theme "Jonah's Journey"

Youth Group Report:

- Presently 4 participants

St. Mary's Guild Report:

- No decision on a summer rummage sale

Old Business:

- Fire Alarm quotes from Sentry Alarms & BOSS Security & Automation reviewed. Quote is pending from Teledair & will contact ADT for a quote.
- Ministry Community Gardens grateful for the participation from Redeemer.
- Jerry attended Narcan Training Event on May 7. Plan to make Narcan available in close proximity to the AED. A note from Jerry was received stating she was happy to attend & shows the Certificate of Completion.
- Linda Murrelle will be attending GATHER 23 on May 20.

New Business:

- Pastor Scott has been invited to participate as a “Transitional Pastor” (Lutheran) in a nearby community. His duties would include Pastoral Care, Church Service once a month & possibly arrange Supply Pastors. Vestry agrees this would be an opportunity for Pastor Scott to network & assist with career advancement. Vestry agrees with parameters: one Church Service a month, Pastoral Care on an emergency basis & with an end date (6 months).
- St. Mary’s Guild would like to purchase 2 new carpet runners for the Parish Hall. Motion made to approve purchase by Betsy, second by Jeff. Motion carriers. Details provided: Cost of \$412. from Erle’s Janitorial. Will be evergreen color.
- Worship Plans, eBlast and Bulletin issues: Pastor Melinda & Pastor Scott have discussed with Jerry & a note was received from Jerry that all materials will be rechecked before anything goes to production. It is decided that Linda will review materials prior to production. In Linda’s absence, Nina Seebeck will do the review.
- It is decided to retain Attorney Christopher Jones to help us appoint two trustees for the Kresge Trust. It is suggested to have Doreen Marshall and possibly Emily Garrity to be the trustees. Linda will send a letter to Mike Dowd as to his interest in continuing to be a trustee.
- Tower Clock Issue: The time is not correct. A verbal quote received from Verdin and a written quote from White’s Clock and Carillon Northeast, Inc. Jeff will review and investigate the issue.
- Discussion on a “Hot Spot” for PayPal for the Parish Park Fair.

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Adjourn: Motion made by Melinda. Second by Jeff - 9:25 pm

Next Meeting is Tuesday, June 13, 2023 @ 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Siebecker
Clerk of Vestry

