

VESTRY MEETING November 19, 2024

Present: Rev. Cn Melinda Artman, Alice Bennett, Bruce Carpenter, Margaret Cole, Mitzi Mohn, Glenn Murrelle, Betsy Schumacher, Diane Siebecker, Jeff Watson

Absent: none

Treasurer: Bruce Carpenter

Chairperson: Rev. Cn Melinda Artman

Agenda: At the request of Cn. Melinda there are changes to this meeting's agenda - Vestry approved.

Junior Warden's Report:

- Training for our HVAC system has been completed with Scott Johnson participating. Scott is familiar with HVAC systems supporting military applications and will have no issues operating our system. Tyler Rhodes will be rescheduled.
- The new boiler system has had a few issues with start-up for heating season. Jeff Paul has been attentive in addressing these problems and most have been resolved. The only outstanding issue is lack of heat in the sacristy. I believe that there is an air-lock issue which will require further bleeding of the system.
- Jeff Paul has recommended to leave the thermostat at 68 degrees.
- The new AC system for the office/parlor area has not been started.

The 2025 Budget (first draft):

- Bruce presented the 2025 Budget with an audiovisual presentation.
- Vestry encouraged to review and provide Bruce with any recommendations.

New Business:

- Margaret presented the need for repair of a Silver Cruet. Estimated cost is \$1100. with Reagan/Steele Jewelers. A new Silver Cruet would be in the \$3000. Range. Vestry decided to have it repaired.
- Cn. Melinda is looking at new Frontal Covers (silk). Recommends the color blue for the Advent Season. Estimated cost would be \$6000. Tabled at this time.
- **Resolution of the Vestry** regarding the total compensation paid to Cn. Melinda was presented. Motion to approve made by Alice, seconded by Jeff. Motion carries.
- We are signed up for The Bridge "Sleep Out" on Friday, December 29th from 6-7 PM. We need some volunteers to be with the youth for this hour. The Christmas Parade is at 6:30 PM.
- Youth and other interested singers to go caroling on Sunday December 15th. Vestry traditionally hosts hot chocolate and tasty treats after caroling. Hopefully we can do so this year.

Minutes: Motion to accept the October 8, 2024 minutes made by Alice, seconded by Jeff. Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept the October Treasurer's Report made by Margaret, seconded by Jeff. Motion carries.

Highlights:

- The year-to-date figures for Pledges and Total Parish Giving are above expectations.
- The Bixby Trust and Bixby Altar Guild distributions have been received and both were more than expected. The annual Kresge distribution has been requested.
- One of the refrigerators has stopped working. A new one was purchased with Community Supper funds. \$675.
- The scrap metal/copper monies was placed in the Miscellaneous/Total Operating Income.

Senior Warden Report:

- All is well.

Rectors Report:

Diocesan Convention was well attended. The two dioceses voted to reunify. A copy of Post Convention Essentials 2024 was made available.

The Clergy Retreat on 11/12-11/13 was marvelously refreshing.

Rev. Hazel Hunt is willing to cover for me on Wednesday November 27th, Saturday November 30th and Saturday December 14th. The first two dates allow me some time away over Thanksgiving; the December date is to allow me to attend a retreat at Holy Cross Monastery in West Park, New York, assuming I get off the waiting list. With the exception of the weekend – I hope to take some time off between Christmas and New Year's.

In-gathering of Pledges for 2025 will occur on December 8th. Letters have been sent out to our mailing list.

Pastoral Care:

John Anderson funeral to take place at Redeemer on Saturday November 30. Calling hour at 10, Memorial Service at 11. Ben Lentz+ and Mary Kisner+ are taking the service. We may need ushers. Kayla Marshall has volunteered to acolyte.

Vestry updated on other parishioners.

Property:

We are keeping the thermostat at a constant 68 degrees.

Glenn Murrelle got a great price to remove trees causing problems with the Parking Lot. To keep the price, I asked Glenn to proceed with the contract. Mattison's has been contracted to remove three trees at a cost of \$1500. Alice made a motion affirming this action, Jeff seconded the motion. Motion carries.

We have a "low battery" in our fire panel. Jerry called Sentry and they informed us that parts are no longer made for our fire panel. While we can get a battery, if the issue is something other than the battery, we will need to consider another system.

Formation:

A five-week Bible Study will conclude on November 21st.

The Sunday School children attended All Saints Sunday service – I think we all enjoyed the service. Bonnie Garrity and I are working on getting the children to attend more regularly. Christmas service would be a great opportunity to include the children.

Other:

Crafting Day was held at St. John, our members were included. This may occur quarterly.

Family Fun Day also happened at St. John – some thought about doing it again between Christmas and New Year's.

Redeemer Holiday Celebration appears to have been a success.

Four people were put up in a local hotel for one night. This came from the Discretionary Fund.

A bequest for Redeemer and St. John has been received from Nina Seebeck. Suggestions for the use of this unexpected bequest are welcome. One suggestion is to purchase a Cloth Labyrinth – a portable walking labyrinth for Prayer and Meditation.

Coffee Time is cancelled for December 15th. "Greening of the Church" will occur after service on Sunday December 22nd. After decorating we will have a breakfast pizza and coffee. All are welcome.

Christmas Eve service will be at 4 pm at Redeemer. The St. John service will be at 7:30 pm.

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Adjourn: 8:04 PM

Next meeting is Tuesday, December 10th at 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Siebecker
Clerk of Vestry

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