

VESTRY MEETING March 11, 2025

Present: Rev. Cn Melinda Artman, Alice Bennett, Bruce Carpenter, Margaret Cole, Doreen Marshall, Glenn Murrelle, Linda Murrelle, Diane Siebecker

Absent: Mitzi Mohn

Treasurer: Bruce Carpenter

Chairperson: Rev. Cn Melinda Artman

Lectio Divina: The Commissioning of the Disciples – discussion on how to integrate those new to our community.

Agenda: Motion to accept the agenda made by Bruce, seconded by Margaret. Motion carries.

Building & Grounds Report: Jeff Watson present to provide report. Two bids received for the Parking Lot. One is from Bishop Brothers Construction and includes a complete tear down and redo at a cost of \$45,325. The other bid is from Stanley Paving. They would fill in the divets then add two inches of paving material at a cost of approximately \$20,000. After discussion of the pros and cons, *Alice made a motion to accept the bid from Bishop Brothers Construction. Bruce seconded the motion. Motion carries.*

The security system needs to be modernized. Two bids have been received. One is from Sentry Alarms (our current system) at a cost of \$25,000. The other bid is from Teledair at a cost of \$27,000. After discussion of the pros and cons, *Alice made a motion to accept the bid from Sentry Alarms. Glenn seconded the motion. Motion carries.*

Funds from Capital Fund Savings will be used for the above expenses. We will be able to do this with distributions received (not touching the principal).

Other:

The kitchen oven has been repaired using a thermocouple for a hot water heater. All burners have been modified with a larger orifice which seems to have solved the issue of pilot lights going out. The stove is now fully functional.

The Jr. Warden room clean-up is ongoing; the cleanout is almost complete with just the paint remaining to be disposed of. So far, we have used 35 lbs. of oil dry (kitty litter) to dry out the paint so it can be sent to a landfill. Each week I have been placing 4-5 gallons in our trash.

I have hung cardboard in the lower parish hall for use by the Sunday School.

Several lights have been repaired in the lower parish hall. We are disposing of the burnt-out fluorescent tubes as they are removed so they don't accumulate in the Jr. Warden room.

We have purchased six new indoor spotlights to replace the lights in the back of the church. They will be replaced in the next week by John Paul.

The cabinet lock in the Sacristy has been fixed.

Minutes: Motion to accept the February 11, 2025 minutes made by Bruce, seconded by Margaret. Motion carries.

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

Highlights:

- Pledge income is down and this is a bit concerning but am confident that pledges will pick up. We have a net operating loss of \$12,019 for the month.
- The final report for the Window Restoration Capital Campaign was presented. A list of adoptions, memorials, and donations was included.

Senior Warden's Report:

- Cards for the families of the newly baptized obtained.
- Discussed having a welcome ceremony for the Lewis family.
- Jerry has been asked to make corrections to the Church Directory in the local paper.

Rector's Report:

- There will be a joint service at our church with SJLC March 30th at 10:00 am. Our Sunday School will be participating. This is the 5th Sunday of the month. Two of the Sundays fall in the summer when we are having joint services. November 30th the service will be at SJLC.
- SJLC is having a Rummage Sale May 2-3 and asking for assistance from our congregation. Contact Cheryl Bottone if you're interested.
- Summer Worship begins June 15th. This will be for 10 weeks.
- There is interest in doing a Community Garden again this year.
- Bible Study is in progress and 20 people are attending between the morning and evening sessions.
- Baptism/Confirmation classes in progress.
- I will be away the last week in March.

Updates:

- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper was well attended.
- Community Supper was well attended.
- We have tax exempt status for Sam's Club. It needs renewal but must be filed in PA. Cn. Melinda will obtain when able to do so.

- St. Mary's Guild met on March 4th and had a marvelous presentation from STAND WITH ME Assistance Dog Team Training. This is a program to train Veteran/dog teams for Service Dog purposes improving the lives of American Veterans who have so proudly served our country.
- Linda provided information from the Spalding Memorial Library "Senior Series".
- Margaret provided an update on the Parish Park Fair scheduled for Saturday, June 7th. Two musicians and seven vendors are lined up thus far. A planning meeting will be held Wednesday, March 19th at 7:00 pm.
- Mowing Teams: Presently there are 3 mowing teams. Margaret is coordinating and looking for volunteers.
- Computer software: Microsoft Publisher will no longer be available late next year and we will need a new program. Researching what's available.

New Business:

- Cards for families of the recently baptized were signed.

The Lord's Prayer was said.

Adjourn: 7:59 pm

Next meeting is Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Siebecker
Clerk of Vestry