

VESTRY MINUTES
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025

PRESENT: Linda Bourque, Sandy DePlonty, Bruce Lynn via phone, Ruth Neveu, Cal Woodard; **ABSENT:** Gin Mannisto; **GUEST:** Katie Chipman-Bergsma.

1. **Opening:** Linda Bourque opened the meeting at 11:43 a.m. with the vestry prayer.

2. **Review Agenda: No additions or deletions**

Public Comment: None

4. **Ministry Support Team:** Katie Chipman-Bergsma reported that MST is looking at Lent activities and services. They are planning on putting the April–May calendar together soon. They had a service at Freighter View on Thursday, they will continue to be on the first Thursday of the month. There were six people in attendance. It seemed to go well. The quilting project is coming along. Katie Chipman-Bergsma is spearheading the quilt project. The project may go into the summer season. Someone from St. Ignace is going to be putting the quilt together. Katie asked about the audio system and Cal Woodard explained that he has put together a Request for Proposal that will be going to Joe Jazz for a system that will integrate the current system with additional microphones, etc. It was also brought up that perhaps another speaker for the organist is needed so that they can keep better track of where we are in the service as it hard for the organist to hear where we are in the service. Also, discussed was the irritating clicking noise that sometimes occurs during the service. Sandy Deplonty indicated that she is available for reading more often than she is currently on the schedule. It was also discussed that a microphone for a lead singer such as Margaret would be helpful to the congregation.

5. **Review/Approval of Vestry Minutes. Sandy DePlonty voted to approve the minutes with additions under Christian Education it should be -** Ethics formation class has been attended by various members of the MST. Katie is looking at going to seminary and has contacted a couple of different seminaries to see which one may be the best fit for her as she may decide to attend seminary. Revised Minutes will be sent to Pam Briglio. **Cal Woodard seconded to approve the January 26, 2025. No opposition or abstentions, motion carried.**

6. **Treasurer's / Endowment / Budget Approval:** Sandy DePlonty reported on the financial statements and they will be placed on file in the office. Discussion followed regarding how the financial statements and how the Killan Trust account disbursements are determined. Discussion regarding who the signers are on the accounts. It was agreed that the Warden, Junior Warden and Treasurer should be signers. Due to new members on the vestry once the January 26 minutes are passed new people can be signers on the account. **Ruth Neveu moved that the minutes from January 26, 2025 be approved seconded by Bruce Lynn. No opposition or abstentions, motion carried.**

7. **Committee Reports**

- a. **Christian Education** – Lenten activities are being planned at this time.
- b. **Outreach** – None
- c. **Missioners Comment** – None

8. **Senior Warden's Report – None**

9. Junior Warden' Report – Discussion of Policy and Procedure Manual several revisions and edits were suggested. Cal Woodard had a copy of the Policy and Procedure Manual that he will be providing to Pam Briglio to make the edits. The final version with edits will be presented at the March vestry meeting.

Cal Woodard moved that Option 1 of the Albert Heating and Plumbing proposal to install a new water heater at a cost of 1,718.00 and get rid of existing water heaters and includes all piping needed for installation and includes all Sandy Deplonty seconded. No opposition or abstentions, motion carried.

Ruth Neveu made the motion that we send Joe Jazz a RFP to help coordinate the current audio system with new hardware and other systems seconded by Sandy Deplonty. No opposition or abstentions, motion carried.

Discussion of St. James Projects for 2025 provided by Cal Woodard. Discussion regarding the possibility of a Solar Energy project for the church electricity.

10. Old Business: Cal Woodard thanked Linda Bourque and Gregg Metheny for helping with the amount of snow in the parking lot.

11. New Business: Discussion regarding the timelines for getting information to Pam Briglio so that the bulletins can be done in a timely manner. Discussion regarding the service at Freighter View.

12. Next Vestry Meeting: Sunday, March 16, 2025

13. Adjournment and Closing Prayers: Motion to adjourn made by Ruth Neveu and seconded by Sandy Deplonty. No opposition or abstentions, motion carried.

Adjourned at 1:20p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Neveu
Clerk of the Vestry