

Vestry Meeting

September 19, 2021

Meeting called to order at 11:22 a.m.

Present: Sandy DePlonty(Treasurer), Bruce Lynn via phone, Cal Woodard, Linda Bourque, Ruth Neveu , Stephen Stiling, Gin Mannisto

Absent: Jorney Stephens

Guests: Dave Cook

Dave discussed his situation with work. He had decided to trial another position at his other work and how now decided it is not for him. He will continue in the full-time position until a new person is hired for the position at which time, he will be able to continue working at St. James his full hours. We asked him to provide his reduced time information to Pam so that she can do his payroll appropriately.

Opening prayer: Led by Cal at 11:25 a.m.

Motion to approve the Agenda: Sandy moved Cal Seconded unanimous approval.

Public Comment: none

Mutual Ministry: Gin indicated Mutual Ministry will be meeting in September. She indicated that the Mutual Ministry will be deciding on continuing education. They will let us know what they are studying soon as she would like to encourage everyone in the congregation to participate in continuing education and discussions. There was discussion regarding various video options. Sandy discussed an app streaming video also available as a video DVD produced by an independent producer entitled "The Chosen" with conversation around it. This is a pay it forward independent producer. Gin mentioned that bringing people together is always a good thing to be able to hear more than one voice.

Motion to approve the minutes: Sandy moved Cal Seconded approval of August minutes unanimous approval.

Treasurer's/Endowment report see attached : Sandy – Expenses out pays our income. Discussion of how the PNC/Killian fund is operated. Ruth Neveu was concerned about Blackrock investments regarding how socially conscious they are and whether as a Christian organization we should be concerned about that investment. Discussion regarding how we could get PNC to possibly change investments (if it were decided this would be a something we want to happen) by talking to PNC and the other entities that are part of the trust. Sandy indicated if we decided

this was an issue, we should email the administrator of the PNC account with our questions. Discussion of the stock market, how it operates and how it affects the income of the church. Sandy indicated she would be writing the stewardship letter soon and would include some of this information in the letter. Discussion of the decrease in membership of the church over the years. Discussion of Treasurer Report.

Committee reports

Christian Education: None

Finance: None

ECW meeting: None

Outreach: None

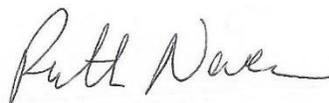
Senior Warden's Report: Discussion regarding the sexton's position and how the Northern Transitions organization would be a possibility IF Dave were to find a full-time position that would require him to leave. Linda and I need to be looking for people to replace us on the vestry. The convention is coming up and they are seriously looking at an online convention. The convention would probably be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 23. We are still looking for people to attend. Ruth will look into how the Wi-Fi extender is working for the Rainbow Recovery group. Sandy tested the Wi-Fi during the meeting and indicated she had two and one-half bars in the basement.

Junior Warden's Report: Cal reported that Kaysner has not reported back yet regarding the roof. He has not been able to get to the north side of the building. He would like to look into getting more LED lighting in the hallway outside of the church office where Pam is located and other areas of the church. Discussion of LED lighting. Discussion of asking Ron Osborn to help with lighting.

Old Business: None

Motion to adjourn 12:04 p.m. by Sandy, Linda seconded. Unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ruth Neveu".

Ruth Neveu – Clerk of the Vestry

After the vestry meeting, we had an online vote (September 28, 2021) on the church masonry work see below:

Good Morning All,

Ruth asked that I send this out for a vote, so it can get be taken care of ASAP. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO REPLY ALL, SO WE ARE ALL INFORMED.**

Cal was able to talk to Mr. Anderson, who is no longer doing repair work on brick/stone structures. Mr. Anderson recommended Chub McCord as a mason that would do a good job. Cal contacted Mr. McCord and he has given Cal an estimate of \$2,000 for preliminary work on the St. James Church stone/stair repairs that need to be done. Repairs at this time include chinking out and regrouting the buttress and other areas on the south side of the building, cleaning up and regrouting around the main door, and repairs to the stairway, etc. **Cal made the motioned authorizing the masonry repairs to the church at the price of anywhere from \$2,000 up to \$4,000. Ruth Neveu seconded the motion.**

Stay Healthy,

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Prayer for renewal:

We pray that God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation as we come to know Him, so that, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we may know what is the hope to which God has called us. Amen. Ephesians 1:17-18a

Stephen Stiling, Jorney Stephens, Bruce Lynn, Sandy DePlonty, Ruth Neveu all voted YES motion passed.