

VESTRY MINUTES
SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

PRESENT: Linda Bourque, Katie Chipman-Bergsma, Bruce Lynn, Ruth Neveu; **ABSENT:** Nikki Clark, Gin Mannisto; **GUEST:** Cal Woodard.

1. **Opening:** Linda Bourque opened the meeting at 11:29 a.m. with the vestry prayer.

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

3. **Public Comment:** None

4. **Ministry Support Team:** Gin Mannisto emailed information regarding a meeting in Marquette June 8th. Katie reported on the situation with the community garden. The city of SSM is not yet ready to let people start gardening. Katie will let us know when we can start gardening. MST has sent a message to Pam regarding the historic building status. Bruce discussed the Great Lakes Historic Shipwreck Museum and its relationship with SHIPO an organization that There was some discussion of solar panels and the fact that we are a historic building. Cal Woodard discussed the fact that we only used 2,000.00 in electrical usage this past year and perhaps we could sell electricity back to Cloverland Electric if enough solar energy were generated. There was discussion of the possibility of recording the history of St. James Church. Bruce will be looking into the possibility of working with someone from GLHSM(Corie Atkins) helping with a video/recording of St. James Church history. Discussion of the church building history. A survey needs to be filled out to have someone from Solar Faithful come and discuss what may be the possibilities for saving energy. Katie has been working on the form. Katie Chipman-Bergsma reported that Mr. and Mrs. Galey gave a check for 100.00 for the purchase of the meat, buns and condiments for the June 9th picnic and a volunteer is needed to make the purchase. Linda Bourque volunteered to make the purchase and remind John Leigh to help with the grilling.

5. **Review/Approval of Vestry Minutes of April 21, 2024. Motion to approve the April minutes by Bruce Lynn seconded by Cal Woodard. No opposition or abstentions, motion carried.**

6. **Treasurer's / Endowment / Budget Approval:** Bruce Lynn reported the finances, and the report will be put on file in the office. He used the same format that Sandy Deplonty, the former treasurer had been using to report the budget along with expenses, etc.

7. Committee Reports

a. **Christian Education** – Gin Mannesto sent out a form for us to fill out. Katie Chipman-Bergsma lead the discussion regarding the questions that were on the form. Katie agreed to fill out the form and send it in.

1. How has partnership with the churches and leaders of our dioceses helped your congregation? Discussion - vestry members felt that communication with the diocese has been good, MST leadership has been good, the diocese loaned us funds for the thermal recovery units. The formation for all lessons has been helpful to the congregation and led to Dave being able to prepare for becoming a deacon.
2. What are three things you hope don't change? Missioners, training, financial support when needed
3. What are three things you hope for the future? More people, more events on the eastern side of the U.P. , more traveling missioners
4. Provide a 4-sentence story of joy and/or spirit in your congregation. Faithful, Loyal, traditional, thankful, cohesive, lending our building to our community when possible.

b. ECW Report – none

c. Outreach – none

8. Senior Warden's Report: The second Sunday of July and August we would encourage people to go to the VFW for coffee hour and enjoy their breakfast.

9. Junior Warden's Report: Cal has returned a bunch of light bulbs that needed to be sent to recycling. There is a hazardous waste schedule that is available a few days a year. Discussion of the Music in the Park schedule.

10. Old Business: None

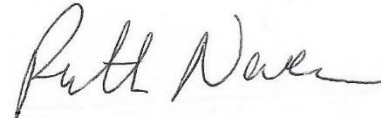
11. New Business: None

12. Next Vestry Meeting: Sunday June 16 , 2024

13. Adjournment and Closing Prayers: Motion to adjourn made by Ruth Neveu with a second by Bruce Lynn. No opposition or abstentions, motion carried.

Adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ruth Neveu". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Ruth Neveu

Clerk of the Vestry