

**VESTRY MINUTES**  
**Sunday, November 19, 2023**

**PRESENT:** Linda Bourque, Katie Chipman-Bergsma, Nikki Clark, Sandy DePlonty, Ruth Neveu, Cal Woodard; **ABSENT:** Stephen Stiling; **GUEST:** Virginia Mannisto

1. **Opening:** Linda Bourque opened the meeting at 11:36 a.m. with a prayer.
2. **Review Agenda:** No changes
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Ministry Support Team:** Virginia Mannisto reported that there is a Nomination for confirmation that needs to be filled out to proceed and signed regarding David Cook's becoming a deacon. Everyone at the vestry meeting signed the form. The ministry support team decided that the winding of the greens would be on Saturday December 2, at 11a.m. there will be food. There is another youth event being planned for Saturday January 20<sup>th</sup>, noon until 2:00. Katie is going to send all the vestry members and Pam Briglio a flyer that we can share with other entities for advertising the event. There is also a foosball table available that, if it is in working condition Katie will be having it delivered to the church. Regarding advent there will be a procession, lighting of the candles, telling a story and then proceeding with the service. Some ideas for church usage were discussed as possibilities: using the church for meditative walking/prayer walk along with music, also maybe having a crafting time for the community. It would be good to keep thinking of more uses for the building. Discussion regarding the size of the vestry. Discussion regarding the new thermal recovery units and the humming noise, Cal said they can be turned off during the service. Discussion of the video link about responsibilities of the vestry. The link was forwarded to all the vestry by Pam Briglio. Discussion regarding the training of others for various jobs around the church, so that more than one person knows the various procedures and policies.
5. **Review/Approval of Vestry Minutes of October 15, 2023. Motion to approve the minutes by Sandy DePlonty seconded by Cal Woodard. No opposition or abstentions, motion carried.**
6. **Treasurer's / Endowment / Budget Approval:** The financial report was presented and will be on file in the office. There is a clarification regarding the misplaced decimal in the wrong place on the September 20, financials and the \$2,295.00 for Advent Poster/Forward Movement should have been \$22.95. Cal Woodard discussed the Killan trust account and how it came to be known.
7. **Committee Reports**
  - a. **Christian Education** – The Salvation Army will be supported again with the children's fund money; the food pantry will be supported, and other donations will be continuing. All the toys need to be brought to the Salvation Army by December 10<sup>th</sup>. Also, the zoom educational meetings are continuing done by Brad Pickens.
  - b. **ECW Report** – None
  - c. **Outreach** – see above
8. **Senior Warden's Report:** Thank you, Cal Woodard, for all the good work you are doing.

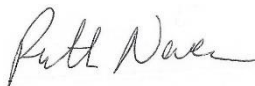
9. **Junior Warden's Report:** Ranke electric has done all the work quoted, flood lights that were by the baptismal font, removed old lighting and installed LED lights, fans, thermal recovery units. Work remaining is installing more LED lights in the south and north chapels and removing the fan above the high altar and replacing it with a new one. Also, more rheostats will be replaced due to the energy needs of the fans, etc. The electrician suggested replacing the rheostats for safety. There has been a donation for a new fan around the high altar. Three floodlights need to be replaced over the organ, the pulpit and choir area the man lift would not work for this part of the project. An unintended project was moving and reinstalling the pews and kneeling pads so the man lift could be used for the project. Richard Moran volunteered to refurbish, make, and paint new braces under several of the pews. Cal Woodard did almost all the temporary removal of the pews and kneeling pads. He also spent every day in the church when the electricians were working. He intends to get the whole project finished by the end of November if possible. The vestry expressed their thankfulness for all that Cal Woodard has accomplished. During this process it was discovered that the main boiler needed two new electronic modules and some new wiring from the thermostat to the boiler. Alberta Heating and Cooling were able to do this project. There was discussion about what the thermal recovery units are doing, so the idea is that there should be 1 degree difference between the top of the building to the floor. We will see in a few months what the difference is in the fuel bills. Cal Woodard will be getting with Pam Briglio regarding this. Also, there is a wasp nest in the boiler room that Cal Woodard thinks is vacant, he is having someone come in and look at it to be sure.
10. **Old Business:** Katie reported that Department of Energy reported that the University of Detroit Mercy was chosen to disperse funds to places of worship instead of Interfaith power and light. Katie will continue to work with whatever entities may provide grants, etc. Then there was discussion of solar feasibility. Rayford Ray has a contact for an organization that will look into the feasibility. Katie will report back after talking to Calumet and people from the convention that has looked into what is permitted for renovating a historical building.
11. **New Business:** There is a wasp nest in the boiler room that Cal Woodard thinks is vacant, he is having someone come in and look at it to be sure.

**12. Next Vestry Meeting: December 17, 2023**

**13. Adjournment and Closing Prayers: Motion to adjourn made by Sandy DePlonty with a second by Katie Chipman-Bergsma. No opposition or abstentions, motion carried.**

Adjourned at 12:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Neveu  
Clerk of the Vestry