

**VESTRY MINUTES**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024**

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

1. **Opening:** Linda Bourque opened the meeting at 11:10 a.m. with a prayer.

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

3. **Public Comment:** None

4. **Ministry Support Team:** Katie reported on the MST that they have made plans for Holy Week. Good Friday service will be hosted by the Presbyterian Church at 1p.m. Kiss the Ground, viewing kit An Earth Day service is being planned for April. Interfaith Power and Light has two video programs available Kiss the Ground and a sequel called Common Ground about soil health. Katie Chipman-Bergsma would like permission to screen the films in the church basement. She indicated we would not be able to charge admission. April 20<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> is earth week. So she would like to offer these to the public. She is still trying to figure out the logistics for making this happen. Cal Woodard discussed the coming Sundays when we have limited people for services due to various health issues. There may be others in the diocese that may be available to come over to cover services. MST is also discussing other options as to how the services can be covered.

5. **Review/Approval of Vestry Minutes. Motion to approve the February 18, 2024, minutes by Bruce Lynn seconded by Cal Woodard. No opposition or abstentions, motion carried.**

6. **Treasurer's / Endowment / Budget Approval:** Bruce Lynn gave the vestry some background information regarding his past experiences with looking at finances and being on various boards. He presented the financial report, and it will be on file in the office. There was discussion regarding some of the variations in the budget vs. expenses, due to the decision to pay of the diocesan loan. Bruce Lynn indicated he would be trying to get with Pam Briglio before the next meeting so that if he has any questions about the spreadsheet before the Vestry meeting, he will know how to answer any questions that may come up. The printer has been received and is now located in the basement Sunday School office. It will be unpacked and set up in the coming weeks. There was discussion of the possibility of changing to different software for keeping track of finances. Cal Woodard indicated that the diocese requires certain kinds of reports, so we need to be aware of their needs as well. Discussion of the endowment account and the fact that we made the decision to take the funds out to pay off the diocesan loan. Cal Woodard asked Bruce Lynn if he could reach out to Sandy DePlonty regarding a shortened report regarding the endowment funds.

7. **Committee Reports**

- a. **Christian Education** – None
- b. **ECW Report** – None
- c. **Outreach** – None

8. **Senior Warden's Report:** Linda Bourque is still working on the list of monthly duties of the vestry. Discussion of monthly duties.

9. **Junior Warden's Report:** Albert Heating met with Cal Woodard this past week to inspect the furnace for annual maintenance. They found an issue with a short in the wiring that goes from the furnace to the thermostat upstairs in the prayer area of the church. Cal Woodard asked Albert Heating to give us a cost on providing new

wiring from the furnace to the thermostat. Cal is looking at getting a wasp nest eliminated from the church. Linda Bourque and Cal Woodard discussed various methods of taking them out. Linda Bourque and Cal Woodard indicated they will work together to eliminate the problem. Katie indicated that a solar power individual will be at the next Diocesan council meeting. She will set up a zoom at church for whoever would like to participate in the zoom. April 20<sup>th</sup> may be the date; she will be checking on that and providing further information.

**10. Old Business: Motion by Katie Bergsma-Chipman to keep Sandy Deplonty, Cal Woodard and Linda Bourque as the signatory individuals for the banking account seconded by Nikki Clark. No opposition or abstentions, motion carried.**

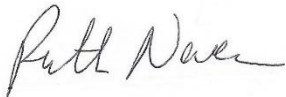
**11. New Business:** Cal Woodard indicated he will be able to provide a report of all the funds, etc., that have been spent on the Thermal Recovery Unit and look at past years' consumption to see what effect the unit has had on our energy consumption.

**12. Next Vestry Meeting:** Sunday April 21, 2024

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

**Adjourned at 12:08 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ruth Neveu".

Ruth Neveu  
Clerk of the Vestry