

VESTRY MINUTES
Sunday, December 15, 2024

PRESENT: Linda Bourque, Katie Chipman-Bergsma, Ruth Neveu, Cal Woodard; **ABSENT:** Nikki Clark, Bruce Lynn, Gin Mannisto; **GUEST:** NONE.

1. **Opening:** Linda Bourque opened the meeting at 11:30 a.m. with the vestry prayer.
2. **Review Agenda:** Sound system added to new business.

Public Comment: None

4. **Ministry Support Team:** They are working on using the leftover sacraments up to save on oil for lighting up the candle that stays lit when there are blessed sacraments available in the tabernacle. Cal Woodard mentioned that he had talked to Pam Briglio about the oil and there are currently 2 – 2 and ½ gallon containers of oil in each of the boxes and they last about 6 months at a cost of 260.00 every 6 months. The wafers that had been stored for a lengthy period of time were getting stale and moldy; therefore they are being properly used by the MST. There are currently ethics classes with Brad Pickens that Dave Cook, Susan Harries, and Katie Chipman-Bergsma are attending, and they have been talking about the classes at alternate times as well to have an extra study class amongst them. At the upcoming meeting they hope to finalize the January schedule. Christmas cards have been signed and will be going to the various assisted living facilities. Susan Harries, Katie, Frank and Maeby Chipman-Bergsma were able to spend \$460.00 that had been donated for Christmas giving to the Salvation Army. The funds were used for toys and for gifts the Salvation Army. Cal will be taking the food donations to the Salvation Army after Christmas so they can start the new year with more food.

5. **Review/Approval of Vestry Minutes. Motion to approve the November minutes was made by Katie Chipman-Bergsma, seconded by Linda Bourque. No opposition or abstentions, motion carried.** Discussion of the snow in the parking lot. Linda volunteered to bring her equipment into town if necessary.

6. **Treasurer's / Endowment / Budget Approval:** The Treasurers report was discussed and will be placed on file. Linda questioned when funds would be added from the Killan account before the end of the year. Cal Woodard indicated he would like someone to talk to the PNC representative and see if they can make the information clear. Discussion of how much it costs to maintain the church building and if there could be other possibilities for the building. Discussion regarding the increasing costs of insurance. Discussion regarding what Calumet is doing with their space. DeTour is discussing what they will be doing in the future with their space.

7. Committee Reports

- a. **Christian Education** – None
- b. **ECW Report** – The ECW met last Sunday and decided all of the remaining funds should go into the youth savings account at Soo Co-op Credit to be used for youth camps or other programs/events for the youth.
- c. **Outreach** – Susan Harries, Katie, Frank and Maeby Chipman-Bergsma did the shopping for the Salvation Army with funds donated through pancake breakfasts and other donations.
- d. **Missioners Comment** – None

8. **Senior Warden's Report** – Discussion of how we are going forward with financial management strategies. Discussion of the policy and procedures manual.

9. **Junior Warden' Report** –. Cal Woodard provided a copy of the possible sign that will be posted at the side door entrance. He is in discussion with Pam Briglio regarding the information needed on the sign. Discussion of the possibility of having an emergency number listed and not connect the number with a person. Discussion of the current landline telephone system at the church and the need to possibly change to a new system due to the elimination of landlines in the future.

10. **Old Business: Linda Bourque made the motion to approve the new policy manual as currently written to be voted on at the annual meeting, seconded by Katie Chipman-Bergsma. No opposition or abstentions, motion carried.**

11. **New Business: a.** There was a vote to decide the time for the Christmas Eve service and it was decided the time will be 2p.m. to 4p.m. for 2024. **b.** Ruth Neveu indicated she had contacted Joe Jazz to understand how to connect our current iPad to the sound system. He was able to come down to the church and examine the system. He tried the iPad we are currently using and indicated that a newer Ipad would work much better than the used one we are currently using as the headphone jack connection is too loose to connect and it is very slow due to its age. After renewing his knowledge of how the system is wired, he recommended that we purchase a 9th generation Ipad with the headphone jack connection. He indicated a 9th generation refurbished Ipad could be purchased from Best Buy for \$200.00. The cost of that interaction was \$95.00. **Linda made a motion we purchase a 9th generation Ipad that has the input for a headphone jack that can connect to the current speakers in case we need a substitute music option seconded by Katie Chipman-Bergsma. No opposition or abstentions, motion carried.** We will then be able to create a St. James account that will work with iTunes. **c.** At this point Cal Woodard and Sandy Deplonty have agreed that they are willing to serve on the next vestry cycle. **d.** The budget will be finalized January 12th after church before the next vestry meeting.

12. **Next Vestry Meeting:** Sunday, January 19, 2025, is the next meeting and Sunday, January 26, 2025, is the annual meeting.

13. **Adjournment and Closing Prayers: Motion to adjourn made by Nikki Clark seconded by Katie Chipman-Bergsma. No opposition or abstentions, motion carried.**

Adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Neveu
Clerk of the Vestry