

VESTRY MINUTES
SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

PRESENT: Linda Bourque, Sandy DePlonty, Ruth Neveu, Cal Woodard, Bruce Lynn; **ABSENT:** None;
GUEST: Gin Mannisto

1. **Opening:** Linda Bourque opened the meeting at 11:43 a.m. with the vestry prayer.
2. **Review Agenda:** No additions or deletions.
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Ministry Support Team:** Part of the curriculum and canons of the church are title 4. The mutual ministry support team will be looking at title 4 for education purposes. The second Sunday in June is Pentecost. Gin will not be available so they have developed a plan that includes Bob Aldrich playing the piano and David Cook does part of the service and Bob Aldrich will consecrate the elements, and the service will continue. The Freighter View service will continue the 1st Thursday in June and Charles Murphy will be at the June 5th Freighter View Service and he will do the paperless music. June 8th we will be doing a potluck picnic after the service.
5. **Review/Approval of Vestry Minutes.** Bruce moved to approve the April minutes Sandy seconded the motion carried.
6. **Treasurer's / Endowment / Budget Approval:** Sandy DePlonty reported on the financial statements, and they will be placed on file in the office. Sandy reported we are still are on a deficit budget. The endowment funds went up this past month. Discussion followed regarding how much the bills were this past month.
7. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Christian Education – None
 - b. Outreach – The red dresses supporting missing Indigenous women were hung at the beginning of May by Cal Woodard and Susan Harries. Bishop Ray provided a sign explaining the meaning of the red dresses. There were several comments from the community expressing support for the project. The Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians on Facebook also expressed appreciation and shared a photo.
 - c. Missioners Comment – Katie Chipman-Bergman is interested in becoming part of the mutual ministry team as a seminary trained priest. The MST, congregation and vestry will need to discern her. Gin Mannisto indicated that the MST is supporting her, and the MST will be sending a letter of support to the Vestry. There are funds available via the diocese to support her seminary education, The seminary she is considering is the General theological seminary based in New York.
8. **Senior Warden's Report** – None.
9. **Junior Warden' Report**
 - a. Cal Woodard reported that he has talked to Chris Piche (Kaysner) about the roof and he is waiting for an estimate for what he feels needs to be done.
 - b. He has ordered and installed a new parking sign for the clergy as the old signs were unreadable at this time. Cal Woodard was able to install the sign.

- c. The preparation for seal coating and stripping has been done and they will be washing down the parking lot. Seldon Collins, Dorothy Dansdill and Cal Woodard went around the parking lot edging it as part of the preparation. Then he will be getting with the seal coating company to do the work.
- d. Cal Woodard reported that he is still waiting for Joe Jazz to give us a quote for the wireless microphone, etc. from the RFP that Cal submitted to Joe Jazz. Occasionally there is a certain distortion sound that can be very grating.
- e. Also Cal has a request for a quote from Jamie Trinkle as well as for winterization projects.
- f. Cal reported that he received a report from DTE regarding the amount of natural gas used 2023-24 and we used 12,782 cubic November through the end of April and 2024-25 usage for the same time period was 14,264 cubic so therefore 1500 more cubic feet of natural gas than 23-24. There was a slight increase in cost for 1 cubic foot of natural gas. Discussion followed regarding the heat in the church during the Sunday service in the winter. It was felt that we could turn the heat down in the winter during the service because it can be very warm during the service. Therefore Cal Woodard will be experimenting with the heat next winter and turning it down a bit.
- g. Depending on vestry meeting dates we may need to do an email vote on some of the work that needs to be done and/or funds that need to be paid.

10. **Old Business:** None.

11. **New Business: Sandy made the motion to fund \$300.00 for Frankie Chipman-Bergsma for N MI Christian Camp. Seconded by Bruce Lynn. No opposition or abstentions, motion carried.** There will be another family camp later this summer at Fortune Lake in Crystal Falls there will be a diocesan camp sometime this summer. Discussion regarding the ecumenical July service at Sherman Park.

12. **Next Vestry Meeting: Cal Woodard moved, and Bruce Lynn seconded moving the next vestry meeting to Sunday, June 22, 2025 No opposition or abstentions, motion carried.**

13. **Adjournment and Closing Prayers: Motion to adjourn made by Sandy DePlonty and seconded by Ruth Neveu. No opposition or abstentions, motion carried.**

Adjourned at 12:31p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Neveu
Clerk of the Vestry