

VESTRY MINUTES
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2023

PRESENT: Cal Woodard, Linda Bourque, Nikki Clark, Sandy DePlonty, Ruth Neveu; ABSENT: Katie Chipman-Bergsma, Steve Stiling; GUEST: None

1. Opening: Linda Bourque opened the meeting at 11:20 a.m. with a prayer.
2. Review Agenda.
3. Public Comment: None
4. Ministry Support Team: None
5. Review/Approval of Vestry Minutes January 22, 2023: **Motion to approve the minutes made by Nikki Clark with a second by Cal Woodard. No opposition or abstentions, motion carried.**
6. Treasurer's / Endowment / Budget Approval: There was a question about appointing another liaison for the endowment account. **Sandy Deplonty made a motion to appoint Steve Stiling as the vestry liaison for the endowment account, Ruth Neveu seconded. No opposition or abstentions, motion carried.** Sandy reported that our expenses are divided by 12 for each month are more expensive during the more expensive winter months therefore we show we are over budget at this time but should even out as the year goes on. There was discussion of the Killan account and why we received \$30,000 more last year then the year before and could it go the other way in the coming year. Discussion of the Killan account. Treasurer's Report placed on file.
7. Committee Reports
 - a. Christian Education - None
 - b. ECW Report - None
 - c. Outreach – Lola Kennedy will be using the church building for the Sault Ste. Marie crosswalk study.
8. Senior Warden's Report: Linda Bourque is hoping the year goes well.
9. Junior Warden's Report: Cal Woodard reported on the consumption of natural gas for the past year, 2022. The total for energy including electrical was \$20,000. He has researched the Michigan Interfaith Power and Light and they referred us to E.Z. Breeze Air, LLC. The system that he is looking at would take heat that is at the top of the church and would be transferred back down. This system would save approximately 30 to 40 percent of the energy we are currently using. He has received information back and will be reporting back to us after he researches the quotes, etc. further. He has talked to Jeff Roy about the electrical part of the project, and it is agreed that it needs to be aesthetically pleasing. Mr. Jeff Roy indicated there would need to be a meeting prior to installation with the product salesperson Roger Ciallus. Cal Woodard is also investigating how these air systems would be lifted and attached to the ceiling. Cal Woodard also questioned whether the historical society would need to be involved in this change in the interior of the building. There was discussion regarding how these would be attached to the ceiling. There are ten hanging lights in the main portion of the church. For

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informational purposes Cal Woodard has contacted Everything Electric regarding the florescent lamps that are broken in the church. The type that we have are no longer made, however there is a LED product that could replace the current broken light. In time he would like to have an electrician replace them all upstairs. Changing the lights are difficult and it would be good to purchase new lights LED and have Roy Electric replace the lights. They would cost less to operate and would give more light.

10. Cal reported that there is a new company in town that will be recycling old electrical products such as TV's, computer monitors, appliances, etc. for free. The company will be located on Fort Street.
11. Sandy inquired if we could repair the pews that are cracked perhaps with a clear silicon product as a possible product to repair the crack. It was decided that perhaps that we could experiment with that. There is an issue with the humidity in the church that causes these cracks in the pews.
12. Old Business: None
13. New Business: Next Meeting – Sunday, March 19, 2023 – 11 a.m.
14. Adjournment and Closing Prayers: **Motion to adjourn made by Sandy DePlonty with a second by Nikki Clark. No opposition or abstentions, motion carried. 12:01 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Neveu
Clerk of the Vestry