

VESTRY MINUTES
Sunday, October 15, 2023

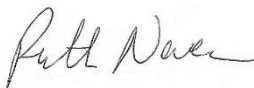
PRESENT: Linda Bourque, Katie Chipman-Bergsma, Sandy DePlonty Ruth Neveu, Cal Woodard;

ABSENT: Nikki Clark, Stephen Stiling; **GUEST:** Virginia Mannisto

1. **Opening:** Linda Bourque opened the meeting at 11:23 a.m. with a prayer.
2. **Review Agenda:** Add to agenda – printer purchase to new business.
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Ministry Support Team:** Cal Woodard reported that Bob Aldrich would like to hire a pianist for November 5, 2023, for \$100.00. **Cal Woodard motioned that Bob Aldrich hire a pianist to be paid \$100.00 during the recuperation of Dawn Aldrich seconded by Linda Bourque. No opposition or abstentions, motion carried.** COM meets on November 4 to discuss our request to begin a discernment process. Our request is to start as soon as the diocese can provide a consultant. Discussion regarding the possibility that it would be nice to ask Bob to do a class to educate all those who may be interested in learning more about how music is chosen for services. Discussion regarding lighting the advent candles on Christmas Eve since there will be no morning service that day. Several members of the church are attending the Christian Theology Wednesday night educational sessions. The COM will need a list of members to consider for discernment, so that letters can be sent to people regarding the various possibilities.
5. **Review/Approval of Vestry Minutes** September 20, 2023, with changes: **Motion to approve the minutes with changes we discussed made by Sandy DePlonty seconded by Cal Woodard. No opposition or abstentions, motion carried.** The following changes were made in the Junior Warden's Report 2nd paragraph should read: The 4 fan units have been received and a check for \$1,735.66 was disbursed for the fans. The thermal recovery units were received, and payments were sent to Roger Sialis.
6. **Treasurer's / Endowment / Budget Approval:** The financial report was presented and will be on file in the office. Cal Woodard questioned line 49 of the financial expenses Bills due regarding Forward Movement Advent Posters \$2,295.00, he was questioning what it is for. Gin thought it may be a figure in the wrong place. We will ask Pam. Cal Woodard also questioned how much it costs for the convention, but it was indicated those figures will be in next month's financials.
7. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Christian Education** – Christian Theology sessions are continuing on Zoom
 - b. **ECW Report** – None
 - c. **Outreach** – November 4, 2023, there will be a fabulous Saturday with a ping pong tournament, bingo, plinko, board games, there have been contributions specific to the event etc. fourth grade through ninth grade will be invited. Linda will be bringing her hot dog maker. There have been some checks sent in that are specifically designated for this event.

8. **Senior Warden's Report:** None
9. **Junior Warden's Report:** The DDA Downtown Development Authority has sent us a letter to opt in or opt out for sidewalk snow removal. (\$340.00) **Cal Woodard made the motion to approve the expense and Katie Chipman-Bergsma seconded No opposition or abstentions, motion carried. Cal Woodard made the motion to hire Dennis Vierra for snowplowing parking lot. Cal motioned Katie Chipman seconded. No opposition or abstentions, motion carried.** All the thermal recovery units have been received along with the conduit; they have all been painted brown. Roger Salais has received the final payment for the units. The wiring to hang the units have been and electrical wiring have been ordered and will be available by October 20th. Ranke is still waiting for the rental of the man lift. He mentioned to Ranke that we would like the job to be finished by December 1st and if that does not look like it is possible, he could wait until January or Feb. etc. Cal Woodard was able to measure the height of the ceiling by using helium balloons.
10. **Old Business:** Advent decision voted on last month was reaffirmed.
11. **New Business:** Discussion for improving communication within the church. It was discussed that we could assign a vestry member, at each meeting, to inform Pam Briglio of any important decisions and we will try to be more intentional with our communications. It was decided that Sandy DePlonty would communicate this week. The Ministry Support Team will also be assigning a member to improve communication. Also, discussion of Pam Briglio working from home at this time until after healing from surgery and Cal Woodard indicated that Cal, David Cook, and Bob Aldrich are bringing her any needed papers, etc. Discussion regarding the many responsibilities of the office administrator and the need to be sure and communicate effectively between the vestry, MST, and the office administrator. **Linda motioned that Pam Briglio purchase a new printer with her discretion, Cal Woodard seconded. No opposition or abstentions, motion carried.**
12. **Next Vestry Meeting: November 19, 2023**
13. **Adjournment and Closing Prayers: Motion to adjourn made by Katie Chipman-Bergsma with a second by Sandy DePlonty. No opposition or abstentions, motion carried.** Adjourned at 12:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Neveu
Clerk of the Vestry