

Present: Ruth Neveu, Katie Chipman-Bergsma, Bruce Lynn, Steve Stiling, Cal Woodard, Gin Mannisto, Nikki Clark, Sandy DePlonty; Absent: Johney Stephens; Guests: Mark Bowen, Mike Doud

1. Opening Prayers: Meeting was called to order at 11:31 am. Bruce Lynn opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. Review Agenda: Mike Doud and Mark Bowen added under Public Comment, Katie Chipman-Bergsma questioned whether we should continue to have committee reports still? As some of these committees no longer meet. It was suggested that the agenda change and just say reports. It was suggested that we should investigate who oversees these committees and if they still exist.
3. Public Comment: Mike Doud from Rainbow Recovery and One Day at a Time. Mike reported has approximately 24 people per night or 48 people per week are attending meetings. They keep the meetings very safe and do not tolerate any kind of violence, etc. Rainbow Recovery is a self-improvement spiritual based organization which deals with abuse of chemical or other types of abuse. They watch a short video then open it up for discussion. People are always looking for spiritual guidance. They are requesting a noon meeting once a week. Mark Bowen is looking at a time after October, Thursdays at noon starting in November to start an AA meeting time. Currently there are no noon meetings available in the Sault. Gin asked how long the meetings would go, due to the Mutual Ministry meetings. Mark indicated the latest he could see the meetings go until would be 1:30. Katie asked if we could help in anyway to advertise the meetings. Mike Doud indicated that Pam Briglio puts it in the newsletter. Discussion about possible problems with time conflicts. Mark would like to come back to the October vestry meeting. Mike Doud then discussed how they make their way and half of donations goes towards rent of the building other half goes to coffee, communications, etc. Discussion about technology and the church.
4. Ministry Support Team - Gin Mannisto reported information regarding Morning Prayer. The ministry support team is open to anyone and there has been more discussion about Morning Prayer. The decision was made to try out Morning Prayer on the fourth Sunday for six months. David Cook and Margaret Stiling will be doing morning prayer the first two months of the trial. The next Sunday September 25th will be a Morning Prayer service. The first Sunday of Advent will be a Morning Prayer service. Katie and Gin discussed mutual ministry and Morning Prayer and the hours of preparation that go into any Sunday service, also how involving more people in providing services provides more inclusivity. Cal Woodard discussed how the mutual ministry team can help guide any of us to learn more about Morning Prayer and how to lead the congregation. Gin Mannisto made a comment about how when you lead Morning Prayer you can read the gospel, but if it is a Eucharistic service only the ordained can read the gospel.

5. Review/Approval of Vestry Minutes August 21, 2022 - **Motion to approve the August meeting minutes made by Cal Woodard with a second by Katie Chipman-Bergsma. No opposition or abstentions, motion carried.**

6. Treasurer's / Endowment - Sandy DePlonty indicated her report is based on the financial statement and a report will be sent to Pam to be placed on file in the office. She discussed the Edward D. Jones Report and Killan reports which all the vestry members have a copy of in their email. The Killan reports are difficult to read and discussion ensued.

7. Committee or other Reports
 - Discussion about coffee hours and how that might happen. The vestry is in support of offering coffee again. We need to make people know what is expected of them. We will be starting next week with just coffee. Ruth Neveu volunteered for September 25th. Annual meeting is when we decide on committees and how the committees meet.
 - ECW Report – None.
 - Outreach – None

8. Senior Warden's Report – reported by Bruce Lynn
 - Bruce has noticed that the front speakers may be working, but is unsure if the back speakers are functioning properly as he sits towards the back and he is not hearing the sound from the speakers towards the back of the church. Cal Woodard said he would do some testing of the system to determine what the problem might be. Cal Woodard indicated it may be the controls are not properly set at this time and may need an adjustment.
 - Bruce feels he will have more time to focus on the vestry in October once his work life calms down.

9. Junior Warden's Report – reported by Cal Woodard
 - The windows have been ordered it will take 3 weeks for the windows to come in. Pouring new concrete, installing single hung windows with screens and will replace trim as necessary, build a 12-foot trough for water diversion in the spring on the N/W corner of the building cost of \$1,110.00 in materials and \$1,200.00 for labor. The 12-foot trough will need to wait until spring and just go with the concrete sill. Cal Woodard estimates that it could be \$1,500 to \$1,800 to do the first two items without the trough. He may need to do an email vote when the estimate comes through. He is hopeful that the work will be done by the first of November. If it is not done, we will store the windows until spring. He indicated that every spring water needs to be sucked out of that corner of the building and something needs to be done.
 - Cub McCord is not available to do the tuck pointing this year. Cal Woodard will be contacting them in the spring
 - Cloverland does not have infrared capability and Cal Woodard will be looking into other options, such as fans, etc.

- Cal Woodard did a sound check and the speakers and mikes are working fine but the people who use mobile mike are not always heard and it was suggested that Cal Woodard will contact Joe Jazz to see if another hanging mike might make ad difference. Also, it would be helpful if people showed up prior to the service and did a sound check of the remote mikes. It may also be helpful to have an educational moment with those who use the remote mikes to learn the idiosyncrasies of the mikes.
- Cal Woodard is still waiting on a report from Kaysner and will be questioning Mr. Kaysner about the roof report.

10. New Business

- **Sandy DePlonty made the motion that Katie, Ruth and Bruce be elected as delegates to the 2022 Annual Convention to be held in Marquette motion seconded by Nikki Clark No opposition or abstentions, motion carried.**
- Bob and Katie are meeting to plan for the Advent and Christmas season. Katie asked the vestry if a survey could be sent out to determine the thoughts of the congregation regarding Advent and the Christmas Service, such as what would the congregation think about utilizing the prayer book for Advent and the Christmas Service. There is a lot that they would like to know about how the congregation feels about various service options. Therefore, the question was, does the MST need permission to put out a survey? It was determined that they do not need vestry permission.
- Discussion ensued regarding having a seasonal planning committee and how committee reports are added or deleted from the agenda. It was decided that the annual meetings would be a good time for committees to be added or deleted.
- Discussion regarding the timing of the annual meeting for 2023: Katie Chipman-Bergsma indicated it would be good to let the congregation know when the annual meeting will be coming up and any ideas people may have that would be good to discuss at the annual meeting. Changing the date of the annual meeting had been a onetime event and we need to decide if we are going back to the original January annual meeting time.
- Gin Mannisto reported that Susan Harries attends the Community that Cares Coalition meetings and recently prescription drug lock boxes, sharps boxes and drug deactivation bags were offered. The question was is St. James interested in any of these items. Discussion ensued and it was felt that more information was needed. Also, Clara James who is involved with the Community that Cares Coalition could come and give a presentation to the congregation or vestry or congregation/community about what the Community that Cares Coalition is all about and the products they have such as a sharps box, etc

11. Old Business

- Discussion regarding coffee hour, Discussion regarding coffee hours: It was felt that everyone has different comfort levels at this time, but it was agreed that we would start coffee hours again. Ruth Neveu volunteered to do the next coffee hour, Sunday, September 28 2022. The first coffee hour would just be coffee and we could poll the attendees to see how they felt about purchased vs.

homemade food, etc. A calendar for the coffee hours would need to be started. Food should not be left in the church and if any food is left it definitely needs to be dated. Also, there was a discussion of having pancake breakfasts again possibly sometime in the future. Also, directions need to be given to the volunteers who do coffee hour, so they know what is expected of them. Ruth Neveu volunteered to work on directions, etc.

- Discussion about the Annual Convention coming up. **Sandy nominated Bruce Lynn, Katie Chipman-Bergsma and Ruth Neveu to be delegates Nikki Clark Seconded No opposition or abstentions, motion carried.**
- Next Vestry Meeting – Sunday, October 16

12. **Motion to adjourn made by Sandy DePlonty with a second by Katie Chipman-Bergsma. No opposition or abstentions, motion carried.** Bruce Lynn led the closing prayer. Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ruth Neveu
Vestry Clerk