

2/21/24 Vestry Minutes

In Attendance - Father TJ, Greg Cowell, Craig Meyer, Laurie Schoening, Jan Carney, Steve Holt (on Zoom), Nichole Wilson, Claire Burns (on Zoom), Megan Wiles

Treasurers report –

Revenue was down some in January, some of that was paying off December bills. Also, donations will come in various amounts, with some folks paying out of IRA distributions. Hard to anticipate what we will receive early in the year.

Electrical bill didn't come, so we will need to pay that next month.

(Copy of budget attached). Craig made a motion to approve Treasurer's report and Jan Carney 2nd it, all were in favor.

Parochial Report for 2023 (Included copy). All reviewed the report. Motion to approve the report from Claire Burns, Craig Meyer 2nd it and all were in favor. It was approved and Greg, Craig and Laurie signed the report during the meeting.

Vestry Retreat

All participants agreed it went well and we came out of there with good ideas. Nichole typed up a list of the various areas of interest and put them in order of interest. We will continue to have the report available during Vestry meetings to help keep us on track of those things most important to us.

We discussed adding Youth programs and adding services where the youth will assist during the service as they are able and appropriate for their age. We discussed buying bibles for them and handing them out during church with a possible get together afterwards to celebrate. Plans made to schedule this service after Lent/Easter.

Jan asked what her job is now on the Vestry. She will be switching from Stewardship to Christian Education/Youth Ministry. She will continue to assist as she can on Stewardship, since the biggest focus is just during the fall months before Consecration Sunday.

April 28th is Youth Ministry Sunday

The Bishop's visit is on 2/25/24 with the Vestry meeting at 9 am with the Bishop, Service at 10 and a small reception for her afterwards for an opportunity of questions and answers. Craig will be recording it and congregants online can also ask questions.

Craig Meyer - the outfit providing CPR training is happy with our facilities and has signed up for 3 more classes in March, 4 in April, 4 in May for a \$50.00 fee/contribution each class. This is easy revenue for the use of our facilities. Craig will send a sign up of those dates, so that others can help him open the doors for the class, set up the room (minor moving of tables and chairs), turn on lights, etc. Usually 3-4 hr time slot and we would stay upstairs until they are done with the class and lock doors. (need to have a key)

Discussion on fixing the red door that sticks -on the parking lot side. Could be \$1,000 for a door. Craig will get quotes for door installers and may call Rick Conner to see if he has any contacts that do this type of work. Discussed a 'mini' capital campaign for purchase of doors and the paraments at the altar (Sharon Meyer is looking into the pricing of these with vendors).

Cry room discussion - we discussed why we are cleaning out the room at back of sanctuary, adding a window and adding toys and a rocking chair to the room. Moved old choir robes out. Majority of Vestry agreed that parents could have their younger children/babies in the room, while still enjoying the service. Discussion of nursing mothers in the room and privacy. There is some space for privacy in the room and we felt younger mothers today are more open to nursing in spaces like that and it won't be an issue. We would provide a nursing blanket in the room. Craig Meyer is doing majority of the work, but will have someone install the window. It is a non-bearing wall. Window will be 3 ft H x 5 feet W. It will be 36 inches from the floor and Craig plans on adding a platform under the window where young children can look out and watch the service. It will allow families to still enjoy the services, but not worry about having a crying baby or unhappy toddler bothering others with the noise.

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Megan Wiles moved that we allow Craig to purchase the materials for construction of this new space with a cap of \$1,000. Jan Carney 2

nd it and all were in favor (after discussion).

(NOTE: We cannot use a one-way window, that is not in accordance to state regulations, any youth must be in view at all times, cannot be behind closed doors)

Check-ins:

Greg Cowell will check into how best to sell the old choir robes. Claire Burns has cleaned them all and they are ready to be sold. We will ask the Bishop if she knows of a way to sell them (possibly to other churches), or we can look into Ebay, Craigs List, Etsy. There are (18) robes in total, made of polyester and are very hot per choir members. We do not have any future plans to use them. If we sell them, Greg feels we'll get \$300 or so at the most. We already voted to sell robes and all were in approval.

Craig

Columbarium – a space was sold and the paperwork needs to be signed.

Brownie group starting to meet at church --on Monday, 2/26/24. It is a newly formed troop. We talked again about celebrating Boy Scout and Girl Scout Sunday every year, like we have in the past.

Laurie – stated she was checking on the Strawberry Festival pricing for the whipped topping and ice cream. The contracts are in from US Foods and will need to be signed prior to event.

Family Promise Casserole baking event is 3/9/24 from 9-10. Julie already putting that on the calendar. Several church members have already committed to helping. Possible lunch out afterwards.

Jan – Nothing to report

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Claire – Nothing to report, although she will work on linking the Google calendar to our website.

Steve Holt - said to check with Rick Conner on the quote for the door installation

Steve had questions about Father TJ's sabbatical grant application. To be submitted in March, but sabbatical won't take place until 2025. Steve could not hear much on Zoom and had questions. Father TJ provided some details on the planning of the trip and information needed for the grant proposal.

Megan – nothing to report

Nichole – talked about linking the Google calendar to website, so events are noted there. Part of the issue was our domain is through square space and you have to manually enter repeating events. Claire said she would work on that.

Lenton Study – 2/19/24 - not that many people attended.

Lent Madness – Father TJ reminded us to vote for the various saints. It is an online event, if you want to participate in the brackets.

Motion to Adjourn made by Craig Meyer, Megan Wiles 2nd it and all were in favor.

Submitted by Laurie Schoening, Clerk