

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Sister Bay
Vestry Meeting, June 20, 2021
MINUTES

The meeting convened at 11 a.m. in the Canterbury Room.

Attendees were Frank Maxwell, Betsy Rogers, George Hughes, Karen Malzahn, Paul Neuman, Pete Thelen, Susan Hoffert, Norma Bramsen (via FaceTime), Trudy Jischke, Lori Holton

Guest: Carolyn Finch

Opening prayer

Betsy offered the opening prayer.

Procedural

The June agenda was approved.

The May meeting minutes were approved.

Interim Rector's report

Frank submitted electronically. Church services are now back in the nave and maskless. The four-week class on Race began last Tuesday with at least 12 attendees (others are expected to join). Frank reiterated his desire to live stream services.

Senior Warden's report

Betsy pointed out that because Mother Barb retired during the Covid shut-down we have not had a farewell celebration. However Mother Barb has told Betsy it is too late for a goodbye party. After discussion, George offered creating a meditation garden in her honor. The idea was well received and he will talk to the landscaper to get ideas and estimates. He also asked Vestry members to give him suggestions as to where they think the garden should be located.

A motion was made to approve the gift of a second pouring chalice, donated by David and Joanne Skidmore. Motion passed.

A motion was made to approve a one-year membership at the Milwaukee Art Museum as a goodbye gift to Jude Teicher in appreciation for her service as a treasurer to St. Luke's. Motion passed.

Betsy shared concerns over the Search Committee's budget (\$400) and the plans by the Diocesan consultant to begin the process with a six-hour planning meeting. After discussion, Frank agreed to contact Meredyth Albright, transition ministry officer, about the budget concerns and the 'fit' of the consultant's template for this parish.

Junior Warden's report

George reported the Church has been 'deep' cleaned and the new cleaner will begin Friday with a three hour per week schedule. We have three vacuum cleaners and will ask the cleaner which two she prefers then donated the extra one to Bargains Unlimited.

The nave windows are not yet finished.

Treasurer's report

Carolyn Finch will succeed Jude as the third treasurer.

Karen proposed a new way to fund Outreach each year by estimating the gains of our investments at the end of the 3rd Quarter. This will allow the committee to more easily predict its budget for the following year. If approved the first year will need to be pre-funded. No action was taken but the vestry was asked to consider the proposal and make a decision before the budget is developed for 2022.

Stewardship

No report

Outreach

Pete sent suggestions via email on how to share the 10 percent tithe of the Wright bequest. Trudy raised concerns about how we will continue to fund the food pantry as that budget has only a little over \$3,000 left for the rest of the year. After discussion, Pete agreed to go back to the committee and move the donation for the Well to the Wright tithe so that \$5,000 remains in the Outreach budget; reduce the Habitat gift by \$5,000 as it was also a recipient of a Wright bequest; and to increase the Housing Partnership Door County by \$5,000, which helps them have enough money to get the land commitment for the next build in Sister Bay. Pete will take these suggestions to the committee and, if accepted, Betsy will ask, via email, for the Vestry to approve.

Addendum

The Outreach Committee voted to agree on changing the distribution of the tithe via email. Pete submitted to the revised list of recipients to the Vestry, via email, and motioned we approve the following list:

United Way DC	\$20,000.00
Zimbabwe	15,000.00
Housing Ptr. DC	15,000.00
Habitat DC	5,000.00
Ecumenical Housing GB	5,000.00
Fuller House MS.	5,000.00
Bishops Fund	7,000.00
Trickle B Cafe Milw.	5,000.00
Total	\$77,000.00

The Vestry responded, via email, to unanimously approve.

Old business

None.

New business

None.

Paul volunteered to lead opening prayer for the July 18 meeting.

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Hoffert
Vestry Clerk