

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Sister Bay
Vestry Meeting, Oct. 18, 2020
MINUTES

Due to the pandemic, the meeting was conducted virtually via Zoom. The meeting convened at 1 p.m.

Attendees were Mother Barb, Betsy Rogers, Karen Malzahn, Carol Ann Osinski, Carol Heil, Paul Neuman, Pete Thelen, Susan Hoffert

Absent: George Hughes

Procedural

Agenda approved.

August minutes amended and approved.

Substantive

A Convention practice session and pre-convention meetings were held by the Diocese. Only one resolution was passed—the Finance Committee is officially a subcommittee of the Executive Committee.

Bishop Gunter has agreed to spend a quarter of his time with the Eau Claire Diocese as their part-time bishop has retired. He will work one week a month there. He is additionally a provisional bishop for six weeks in the Milwaukee Diocese as their bishop has also retired. His yearly visits to each parish have, by necessity, lengthened to every 18 months for the time being.

Mother Barb noted there is \$1,110 collected for the Marvins. Their house will be ready around Dec. 1. She suggested another reminder be sent to the Parish.

Each of Jane Weis's former duties as secretary has been absorbed into existing committees and/or positions except for folding the service sheets and updating the Parish scrapbook. Barb will ask David Skidmore to take on the scrapbook and since there are few attendees for in-person worship the service sheets are not an issue.

Discussion was held on hosting a Zoom coffee hour. Carol Heil has seen several examples of other churches successfully doing this. Betsy found how to create 'break-out' rooms on Zoom so smaller groups can interact more easily. The Vestry agreed to try this out on Nov. 1, All Saint's Day. An invitation will go in the e-news and on the Website. A trial run will take place on Sunday, Oct. 25 with the Vestry and a few select Parish members.

Barb also sent out a revised Gift Policy. One item is still outstanding. She has asked Doug Schwartz to explain why we cannot accept closely held securities. Paul questioned the treasurer's responsibility to ensure that the gift is appropriately

liquidated. He requested we check that the policy matches our current Bequests Policy. Barb will resend once these points have been defined.

Senior Warden's report

Betsy noted that the stewardship letters are signed and will go in the mail the week of Oct. 19th.

Junior Warden's report

Barb reported that the dead tree near the road is indeed the responsibility of the Parish and that George will be following up.

Treasurer's report

Karen reviewed the reports she circulated earlier to the vestry. She noted that we are still looking for \$10,000 in pledges. Reminders will be sent in early November and early December to those with outstanding pledges.

Outreach Committee

Pete noted the organization, Feed My People, is not doing a Christmas Family this year. The Outreach Committee has only about \$600 left in its budget.

Old business

We were reminded to invite Doug Schwartz next month to discuss 2021 investments.

New business

Carol H. noted the Altar Guild is open to Advent and Christmas suggestions. Discussion was held on whether to give out Advent Wreath kits. Carol Ann suggested that we should perhaps give something to the community, such as food baskets. Since Advent begins the last weekend of November, it was decided to ask parishioners to drop off food at the church on Sunday, Nov. 29.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Hoffert
Vestry Clerk