

**Episcopal Church of the Advent
Vestry Meeting Minutes - August 18, 2024**

Fr. A. Leonard opened the meeting with prayer at 12:03 pm.

Attendance:

Present: A. Gloria, D. Hammond, R. Hudson, P. Kelly, Fr. A. Leonard, L. Morier, J. Morrison, L. Price, J. Rutenberg, N. Smith-Wong, S. Werth. Absent: Mattie Francis
Intern Charlene Snyder also attended.

Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of July 21, 2024 made by L. Morier and seconded by S. Werth.
Motion approved by the Vestry.

Treasurer's Report:

No report from Sherrie Maahs who is working on corrections to the preliminary August figures. Fr. A. Leonard did mention that budget columns on the most recent report through August 15 need revision. A full August report will be available at the next Vestry meeting from Sherrie Maahs.

Rector's Report:

Fr. A. Leonard commented on a successful Vacation Bible School.

Senior Warden's Report:

L. Price mentioned that 55 people attended the most recent pancake breakfast August 17 which raised \$590. The next breakfast will be held Saturday September 7.

Junior Warden's Report:

N. Smith-Wong mentioned the recent removal of tree branches overhanging a neighbor's property. Caulking and repair of a leak at the front stained glass window is to be scheduled. A recent quote for concrete work near the parking lot was too high.. alternatives are being considered.

Old Business:

1. The Parish Visioning Survey was again discussed and recommended action were referred to the appropriate committees.
2. Summer pancake breakfasts have been successful as mentioned above.
3. Organist compensation was again discussed and a motion to approve up to \$100 weekly for a travel allowance was made by L. Price and seconded by A. Gloria. Approved by the Vestry.

New Business:

1. Committee liaisons from the Vestry were reminded to approach the various committees to be certain that the committees meet and report the proceedings.
2. An insurance claim was placed for \$3580 to repair organ components damaged by a near lightning strike.

3. The ECW will hold a Potluck dinner on September 13.
4. S. Werth will lead a Parish Discernment Committee for Gregg Schell who wishes to enter the priesthood with the goal of becoming a chaplain in the Coast Guard.
5. J. Morrison again discussed posting church events and other content on Facebook, and Instagram in our region. Fr. A. Leonard indicated he would like to add a budget item next year for internet advertising and church content. Motion made by P. Kelly and seconded by N. Smith-Wong to add the budget item. Motion approved by the Vestry.

Other Committee Reports:

None

Next Vestry Meeting: September 15, 2024

Adjournment:

Considering the completion of agenda items, a motion for adjournment was made by D. Hammond and seconded by J. Rutenberg. Approved by the Vestry.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Rutenberg
Clerk of the Vestry