

**Episcopal Church of the Advent
Vestry Meeting Minutes - October 20, 2024**

Fr. A. Leonard opened the meeting with prayer at 12:02 pm.

Attendance:

Vestry members present were D. Hammond, R. Hudson, P. Kelly, Fr. A. Leonard, J. Morrison, L. Price, J. Rutenberg, N. Smith-Wong. Absent were A. Gloria, M. Francis, L. Morier, and S. Werth. Intern Charlene Snyder was present. Treasurer Sherrie Maahs was absent.

Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of September 15, 2024 made by P. Kelly and seconded by D. Hammond. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Fr. A. Leonard reviewed aspects of the income/expenses report prepared by Sherrie Maahs for September 2024 which also included year to date values. General Ledger expenses for the year to date were also reviewed. It was mentioned that some expenses listed should appear in the Property Account instead. Motion was made by J. Rutenberg to approve the report pending audit and this was seconded by J. Morrison. Motion approved by the Vestry.

Rector's Report:

Fr. A. Leonard mentioned that some parishioners are back now that St. Peter's has closed for the season. He noted that a Newcomers Reception is to be planned with the assistance of J. Morrison. A broader vision of ministry to the community with inclusion of other churches was discussed. Finally, he noted that only seven out of the twelve Vestry members have submitted pledge cards so far and he urged the remaining members to submit their cards promptly.

Senior Warden's Report:

L. Price had nothing new to report. See other sections.

Junior Warden's Report:

Noel Smith-Wong again mentioned that a Finance Subcommittee is working on an investment policy for our Church and a spread sheet for current investments. She also mentioned exploring the use solar energy for the Church.

Old Business:

L. Price reviewed the status of the Stewardship initiative this year. He also noted that the Church Property Inventory is pending.

New Business:

1. Fr. A. Leonard mentioned that there were some Counting Team errors this month. J. Rutenberg volunteered to draft a revised counting protocol to present to the Vestry at the November meeting. It was also mentioned that it would be helpful to notify Counting Team members with the specifics of the errors.

2. Nominations for the Advent Service Award will be announced in the coming months. Three couples received awards in January 2024: Mike/Martha Torpey, Calvin/Martha Stafford, and Carol/Fred Obligado. In January 2023, award recipients included Pat Keltie, Glenda Unzelmann, Corbin Cogswell, and Michael Kirk.

Other Committee Reports:

None

Next Vestry Meeting: November 17, 2024

Adjournment:

A motion for adjournment was made by J. Rutenberg and seconded by P. Kelly. Approved by the Vestry.

Respectfully submitted,

**Joel Rutenberg
Clerk of the Vestry**