

Vestry Meeting Minutes
Thursday, 20 December 2018

Present: Rose Riley, Denise Paternostro, Warren Blessing, Donna Brown, Ray Colburn, Rob Heath, Carol Jones, Judy Shaw and Jerry Stavola.

Absent: Garth Myers

Chaplain: Rebecca Scruton

Guests: The Rev. Tom Furrer, Connie Harasymiw

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

- I. Opening worship and bible study was led Rebecca
- II. Minutes for October 25, 2018 vestry meeting were accepted as written.
The meeting of November 15, 2019 was cancelled due to inclement weather, so no minutes were taken.
- III. Treasurer's reports for October and November 2018 were accepted as presented.

Notes: In November, income was \$3,900 over budget, \$9,400 over for the year. Expenses were under budget by \$400, under by \$3,500 for the year. Pledge income was \$300 over budget, \$9,000 over for the year. Non-pledge was under by \$600, under by \$2,400 for the year. The Flower Fund appeal received \$750 to cover the cost of special Christmas arrangements, any remaining funds will go towards the costs of Sunday flower arrangements throughout the year. The Memorial Fund paid \$521 to replace some of the figures in the Nativity set but the cost of one figure was covered by a special donation. Sal's concert raised \$601 for Outreach; \$175 was collected for the Boot project and \$65 from the sale of Trinity t-shirts.

IV. Upcoming Events:

Lessons and Carols December 23rd
Christmas Eve Service December 24th 4 pm
Christmas Morning Service December 25th 10 am
Hands on Hartford New Year's Day luncheon, Jan 1st. Volunteers needed.

V. Old Business

i. Nominating Committee Report

Connie reported that four positions needed to be filled on the 2019 vestry and the following four individuals have agreed to serve: Leslie Jones Tina LaMorte Cheryl Lewis, and Linda Traue.

ii. Parish Ceiling Project

The electrician will start rewiring the parish hall early in January. Prior to Jan 18, the painting around the moldings will be done. On January 22, work to install the new ceiling grids will commence. Then electrician will install the lighting and after this, the drop ceiling is installed. A dumpster has been ordered to collect old tiles, doors etc. On Feb 1 and 2, a party is planned to paint the walls.

iii. The following motion was approved by email vote:

Motion: To purchase 96 battery-powered Flameless Flickering LED candles with batteries at a total cost of \$191.84 per request from the Worship Committee and using funds from a restricted account. (Rose/Denise) Motion carried with one abstention.

Rationale: These candles will replace the wax candles as a safer alternate.

iv. 2019 Annual Budget

Motion: To approve the 2019 annual budget as prepared by the Finance Committee. (Carol/Judy) Motion was carried.

Comments: This a balanced budget, and if there are no overruns in operational expenses or shortfalls in income, we will not have to withdraw money from the Endowment to cover operating expenses during 2019.

VI. New Business

i. 2019 Annual Meeting

Motion: To schedule the 2019 Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 10, 2019 (Denise/Donna). Motion was carried.

Rationale: It is expected that installation of the parish hall ceiling will be completed by then.

ii. Christian Formation Expenditures

Motion: To approve the over-budget expenditures for Christian Formation. (Denise/Judy) The motion was carried.

Rationale: The speaker stipend for the Advent Quiet Day was \$250 with \$206 for mileage reimbursement and \$91 for food. Since the Christian Formation Account had \$370, this resulted in an overrun of \$177.

iii. Allocation of funds raised by Ye Old Plum Parish Fair to Outreach Committee

Motion: To authorize 25% (\$521.95) of the net proceeds from the 2018 Parish Fair to the Outreach Budget. (Denise/Donna). Motion carried.

Rationale: This has been our practice in the last several years however the Vestry may want to discuss the percentage we allocate to Outreach for the current year.

iv. The grant submitted to The Episcopal Church in Connecticut Sustainability Fund last Sept. on behalf of Father Tom and in support of the St. Thomas Medical Clinics, Port Harcourt, Nigeria was funded.

VII. Closing

The meeting was closed in prayer at 9:08 pm

Next meeting: Thursday January 24, 2019 at 7 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Carol A. Jones, Parish Clerk