

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Sister Bay
Vestry Meeting, Aug. 21, 2022
MINUTES

The meeting convened at 11 a.m. Attendees were Frank Maxwell, Betsy Rogers, Paul Neuman, George Hughes, Susan Hoffert, Trudy Jischke, Lori Holton, Karen Malzahn, Carolyn Finch, Norma Bramsen (on phone)

Opening prayer

Betsy offered the opening prayer.

Procedural

The August agenda was approved. July minutes were approved.

Interim Rector's report

Submitted. There will be signage available for Fall Fest parking. Discussion was held on wording and placement.

Senior Warden's report

Betsy informed the vestry that the Rev. Meredyth Albright, Diocesan Transition Ministries Officer, asked us to budget an additional 5-8 hours for Cathy Cowling, the search committee consultant at \$60 per hour. Cathy has been putting in more time consulting with the committee and Betsy was amenable to the idea. A motion was made and seconded to approve 8 additional hours. Motion passed. Betsy will inform Meredyth.

Betsy handed out a schedule of St. Luke's annual tasks and items for review. We will discuss at the next meeting.

She also found she has the authority to appoint delegates to the annual meeting. We were missing one convention delegate. She asked David Skidmore, who is already planning on attending to fulfill that position. He accepted.

Lori Holton and Julie Hubbard are soon to be licensed as Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEV).

Previous discussions had questioned whether the vestry had voted approval for same sex marriages. Betsy reported that the vestry indeed had and then asked if that was a question the search committee was considering for candidate interviews. Susan assured her that it was. Lori asked when the vestry would meet the candidates. That will happen once the committee picks a candidate(s) for a visit. Karen pointed out the candidates should know there is no parish secretary nor plans to hire one in the near future. Susan again said that point will be made in the interviews. A job description will be developed.

Junior warden's report

Submitted. George expressed appreciation for Ross Holton's work on fixing the altar candle issue by redirecting the HVAC air away from all candles. No more flickering.

He presented a request from a parishioner to make wearing masks optional. Susan said a parishioner had made a similar request of her to introduce mandatory social distancing. Discussion was held, centering on the fact the county is at high for COVID infection and that we have a number of high-risk members. Social distancing is difficult in our facilities. We will follow the County Health Department's guidance at this time.

Treasurer's report

Submitted. We received some new pledges, which were welcome but did not significantly change our bottom line. Most expenditures were for salaries and church upkeep.

The Fidelity account gained money. The Diocesan Common Trust reported a loss last month in line with expectations and overall market performance.

Betsy asked for the names of the additional pledgers in order to send thank you notes.

Paul asked if we had resolved the issue of direct deposit donations. We have not but the member involved did agree to a monthly check.

Stewardship

Frank mentioned while a lot depends on the new rector, we do need to begin a 2023 ministry plan. Paul and Betsy agreed to meet to brainstorm a stewardship letter.

Old Business

Pete asked if planning had moved forward on the fall concert. He will contact the violinist. The concert is planned for late September or October after the Midsummer Concert Series is finished.

Trudy's husband has signs and ropes for the Fall Fest parking. She pointed out that because the proceeds are going to the Outreach program, we should have a sign indicating that. Discussion was held on how to handle the parking during Sunday services.

Norma asked about updates to the church history and the directory. Frank is working on both. Nothing will be final until a new rector is hired.

We received several thank you notes for our donations to United Way, Trickle B Cafe, Episcopal Relief Services. Betsy suggested including them in the Enewsletter. It was also suggested that we include a link to the vestry minutes in the Enews as well.

New Business

Susan offered to do the prayer next month. The next meeting will be Sept. 18 following the 10 a.m. service. Frank offered a prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Hoffert
Vestry Clerk