

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Sister Bay
Vestry Meeting, Aug. 16, 2020
MINUTES

Due to the pandemic, the meeting was conducted virtually via Zoom. The meeting convened at 1:30 p.m. with a birthday prayer for Carol.

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

Guest: Doug Schwartz

Procedural

Agenda approved.

July minutes approved.

Substantive

Doug Schwartz was invited to give an analysis of the Church's investments and strategy. In short, he explained how he had been part of the original planning. He reminded the Vestry that the goal was to have a long-term strategy and therefore need to view the investments in their entirety. At the moment he recommended no changes be made but that perhaps we should put this on the yearly agenda, in November, to go through the accounts and performance of all the components. The timing then allows us to make any changes necessary in order to become effective for the coming year. Additional questions were raised regarding the Diocesan Common Trust, including identification of the accounts, the investment policy and whether we can check it during the year. Matthew Payne, the Diocesan Administrator, is on the Finance Committee and the Executive Council and may be able to answer us. Barb will contact him about the common trust questions. Betsy will check with him before our November meeting for the yearly agenda information.

Treasurer's report

The report was submitted and accepted. Karen pointed out we are close to our stewardship goal of \$92,000.

She also suggested that as Mother Barb redoes the Gift Policy, she include the request that, when practical, individuals buy and donate items for the Church rather than use the Church as a pass-through. She indicated that the money given to the Church to purchase Barb's computer, as a donation, are subject to Diocesan assessment. She also advised that individuals give to other non-profit organizations directly and not pass donations through the Church.

Rector's report

Mother Barb informed the Vestry there will be no change on when or if the Church will open fully for the next three weeks at least since the Bishop is on vacation. At this point we have not reached capacity for in-person worship.

Mike Eischen's class, Living the Question, will begin in mid-September, via Zoom. The Book Club will also resume, using Zoom.

Barb will send a list of the Secretary's Duties to Vestry members for review and we will discuss at the next meeting. Jane is retiring and we will need to determine if a successor needs to be named or if her duties can be divided among current members.

The Bishop has asked every Deacon in the Diocese to sign a Deacon's Agreement listing the responsibilities of the Deacon and of the Parish. Joy and Barb will meet to construct the letter for Joy and St. Luke's

Senior Warden's report

Barb will have her annual meeting with the Bishop on Sept. 1. Betsy authored a letter asking the Bishop to allow Barb to continue in her role for another year. She moved to approve the letter. Carol Ann seconded. Motion passed.

Outreach Committee

Pete reported that the committee is waiting for the new freezer to be delivered to the Door of Life food pantry in the next few weeks. The Outreach budget is at 50 percent of the year's budget so the committee is holding funds until they can determine what local individuals will need after the tourist season.

Old business

None

New business

None

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Hoffert
Vestry Clerk