

VESTRY MEETING September 10, 2024

Present: Rev. Cn Melinda Artman, Bruce Carpenter, Margaret Cole, Mitzi Mohn, Glenn Murrelle, Betsy Schumacher, Diane Siebecker

Absent: Alice Bennett, Jeff Watson

Treasurer: Bruce Carpenter

Chairperson: Rev. Cn Melinda Artman

Lectio Divina: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Agenda: Motion to accept the draft agenda made by Bruce, seconded by Margaret. Additions to agenda include Cleaning Services, Coffee Time, and Community Supper Advertising. Motion carries with additions.

Minutes: Motion to accept the August 13, 2024 minutes made by Betsy, seconded by Bruce. Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept the August Treasurer's Report made by Margaret, seconded by Glenn. Motion carries.

Highlights:

- Cash back Credit Card “rewards” – received \$443.55 – recommend this amount be put towards Outreach Income (line number 4630). Discussed where the funds would be most helpful.
- Pages of the Treasurer's Report are now numbered for ease of use.
- Once the Stained Glass Window Project is closed out consider getting plaques and/or a book with contributors listed.
- Discussion on Diocese of Bethlehem Loan repayment. We have paid four years of the ten year loan with an interest rate of 3%. Plan to continue as is for the time being. *Motion to readdress this annually made by Cn. Melinda and seconded by Diane. Motion carries.*
- In an attempt to keep the monthly Treasurer's Report as short as possible many rows are hidden if have not had activity. At the end of the quarter the report will reflect every account which has an entry this year.
- Need to develop a policy for drawing quarterly funds from the Conklin Fund (DIT Fund #348). Funds received are going to the Capital Project Account. Would like to schedule a meeting to focus on this. Keep in mind the assessment fee will be coming up.

Senior Warden's Report:

- No report

Junior Warden's Report:

- All of the scrap pipe/fittings have been removed from the Boiler Room and cleaned. The remaining copper and brass has been sold to Towanda Iron and Metal for \$1212.00. This amount will be designated to the Capital Fund. The Boiler Room is in excellent condition.
- The "Clam Shell" is a relic and is donated to the Bradford County Historical Society.
- The Smoke Detector batteries have all been changed.
- Issue with the kitchen sink – a clean-out was required and is completed.

Rector's Report:

- Out of town to attend Diocesan Conference 9/15-9/21. Hazel covering Saturday service. Father Nick covering Sunday service
- Taking vacation days October 2 and 3 (&4th), 15th
- Diocesan Convention October 18-19. Margaret is our representative
- *"Agreement of Union" October 2024* between The Episcopal Church in Central Pennsylvania and The Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem provided to Vestry present. This document will be in an upcoming E blast.
- Saturday services will need coverage: October 5 (Alice), October 19 (Glenda) and October 26 (Hazel)
- Youth Group tentatively set to begin 9/29
- Sunday School breakfast 9/15, classes begin 9/22 – plan to incorporate SS into Worship once a month or so

Old Business:

- Coffee Time – Due to a scheduling conflict with SJLC we are not able to hold Coffee Time the first Sunday of each month. We have decided the third Sunday of each month we will have Coffee Time a half hour before Worship. Will Begin October 20th
- The Community Calendar of Events in the local paper is advertising our Community Supper. No need for a paid advertisement
- Joint Worship – plan on discussion with SJLC. Looking at the 5th Sunday of each month

New Business:

- Glenn reports that three trees need removal before any parking lot work is done. Will get bids. Do not plan to replant anything in these locations. Also need to do some tree trimming and remove the Red Buds so the water spigot is accessible.
- Consider a Boy Scout Project to lay down landscaping cloth and white stone near the sign.
- Shall we send \$5,000 to reimburse the Diocese for a portion of Cn Melinda's compensation package? This would come out of the account for Pastor Scott's compensation. Decision pending.
- Maria is doing an excellent job keeping the church clean.

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Adjourn: Diane made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bruce. Motion carries – 8:32 pm

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Siebecker
Clerk of Vestry

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