

VESTRY MEETING October 8, 2024

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

Absent: none

Treasurer: Bruce Carpenter

Chairperson: Rev. Cn Melinda Artman

Lectio Divina: Luke 14:25-35

Agenda: Motion to accept the draft agenda made by Bruce, seconded by Margaret. Motion carries.

Minutes: Motion to accept the September 10, 2024 minutes made by Bruce, seconded by Jeff. One correction – the clamshell is being donated to the Sayre Historical Society (not the Bradford County Historical Society). Sayre Mayor Henry Farley has been given Jeff Watson's contact information to arrange pick-up. Motion carries with the correction.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept the September Treasurer's Report made by Alice, seconded by Jeff. Motion carries.

Highlights:

- 75% of the year is over
- For September Pledges are below what we would expect yet the year-to-date figures for Pledges and Total Parish Giving are above expectations. We also received a DIT distribution. The result is that Total Operating Income is slightly above budget.
- We should receive the unrestricted Bixby Trust (\$13,274.67) and the Altar Bixby Trust (\$991.20) distributions in early October. In addition, I will be requesting our annual Kresge distribution.
- Total Operating Expenses are about 9% below budget.

Senior Warden's Report:

- All is well

Junior Warden's Report:

- Boiler Room – I spent some time in the Boiler Room to familiarize myself before training and discovered a few minor issues left over from the previous installation: There were three open electrical boxes which I have covered. There were wires in the back left hand corner hanging which I have bundled and secured.
- A small table was moved into the Boiler Room; the technical data for the boilers, the hot water heater, furnace, and AC unit are located on this table.

- The shop vac and two sump pumps are located under the table in the Boiler Room.
- Boiler Room inspection is complete; the inspector was impressed!
- My training for the operation and maintenance of our new equipment is complete. I will train Tyler and Scott within the next two weeks.
- The AC unit for the office area is on order; Jeff Paul will contact me when he is ready for installation.
- Repaired a screen in the office area.
- Repaired a light in the lower parish hall.
- Trimmed all of the shrubs on the north side of the church.
- Just before this meeting, I discovered that the #2 Boiler is not working. There is a fault message on the screen. I will be calling Jeff Paul in the AM.

Rector's Report:

- October 18-19 is our Diocesan Convention. Margaret is our representative. Five resolutions will be addressed, including combining of the Diocese of Bethlehem with the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania.
- Youth Group begins October 12.
- For 2025 – combined worship with SJLC will occur the fifth Sunday of each month (there are four in 2025) and when the Rector has to be away (approximately six times in 2025 Pastor Melinda has rector visitations). Anticipate service to be at 10:00 AM.
- Our Website (Bruce) and the local newspaper “Church Directory” (Jerry) need updating.
- For the All Saints service on November 3 our Sunday School will be participating.
- Coffee Time will begin October 20th and will continue the third Sunday of each month. This will occur ½ hour before service. Will have cider and donuts for October.

Other Reports:

- Glenn reports he has cleaned out the red buds and did some trimming. Also he will get bids for tree removal – two on the east side parking lot area and one on the southeast corner. Anticipate the cost will be around \$800 per tree. Need removal before any parking lot work. For the parking lot discussed “tar and chip” (including a sealant) versus paving. Worth getting an estimate.
- Glenn will get ahold of Pete Quatrini regarding a possible Eagle Scout project for some landscape work.

Old Business:

- Conklin distributions for 2024 are drawn quarterly. Brief discussion on use of these funds – to the Capital Fund Account or use for Operating Expenses. Discussion tabled. Will have a meeting to brainstorm ideas and invite anyone from the congregation.

- Tabled – sending reimbursement of \$5,000 to the Diocese for a portion of Pastor Melinda’s compensation package.

New Business:

- There is a National Church Prayer Vigil on November 5th from 8-10 PM which is Election Day. Consider participating.

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Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Melinda, seconded by Diane – 8:17 PM

Next meeting is Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Siebecker
Clerk of Vestry