

## VESTRY MEETING January 14, 2025

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

**Absent:** Bruce Carpenter, Mitzi Mohn

**Treasurer:** Bruce Carpenter

**Chairperson:** Rev. Cn Melinda Artman

**Lectio Divina:** Luke12:43-48

**Agenda:** Motion to accept the agenda made by Alice, seconded by Jeff. Motion carries. A thank you card was received from Marcella Chaykosky and passed around for all to read.

### **Conklin Bequest:**

A discussion on how best to use the Conklin Bequest Funds was the primary focus of this meeting. Do we, over time, set aside for Capital Projects and/or support Operating Expenses.

### **Building and Grounds:**

- Parking Lot – needs attention. Do we want to repair & repave?
- Repoint Stonework – original stonework 1885. Noted this has been done by Trinity, Athens & Epiphany Church, Sayre. We would need a Feasibility Study.
- Upgrade the kitchen & the kitchenette.
- Reface the tower clock (estimated cost \$36,000)
- Security System upgrade
- Sacristy Drain – needs repair/replacement.
- Sunday School Storage Area needs repair. SS is willing to share the space.
- Audio System/Audiovisual
- Furnishings for Chapel (lower level)
- Carillon Bells
- Paint Parish Hall

Be thinking about which needs should be a priority – the parking lot, security system, audio system/audiovisual.

### **Just because needs:**

- Hire section leaders for “choir”. Of great concern is that our active members are few so is it feasible to hire.

### **World/Community Needs:**

- Warming Center – great idea but not feasible for us to take this on.
- Perfect venue for concerts, concert series.
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters (BBBS) is in need of funding.

- The Food Pantry has a great need to help our neighbors. The Feed my Sheep program (Athens United Methodist Church) also has a great need. Not just food but for hygiene products.
- The Bridge – looking for volunteers. It's suggested we have a speaker from the organization to explain what is needed.
- CHOP/CHOW
- Libraries
- Loneliness is a large issue in our community – 80% of local nursing home residents do not get visitors.

It is proposed we do a purposeful donation quarterly to specific organizations. One could be Episcopal Relief and Development.

**New Business:**

Our Annual Meeting is January 26<sup>th</sup> with a potluck. Thus, we will skip Coffee Time January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Sentry Alarms quote received – tabled until our February meeting.

**Old Business:**

There are 3 vacancies on Vestry – Diane, Betsy, & Jeff. Betsy & Jeff complete their terms & we would like to thank them for their commitment to Vestry. Diane & Linda Murrelle are candidates thus far. The required minimum for Vestry is 5 persons. It may become necessary to reduce Vestry size.

Linda Murrelle will continue as Kitchen Coordinator if she is willing.

The children's table in the parish hall has been moved to the side. No new purchase is necessary. No further action taken.

Glenn reports the 3 trees have been removed from the parking lot area. The invoice hasn't been received yet.

**Minutes:** Motion to accept the December 10, 2024 minutes made by Alice, seconded by Margaret. Motion carries.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ask Bruce any questions you may have.

**Senior Warden's Report:**

- No news to report.

**Junior Warden's Report:**

- The faucet in the kitchen sink has been repaired. Plastic covers were not re-installed due to broken internal clips; however, the faucet remains fully functional.

- The radiator in the sacristy is now producing heat; however, the baseboard in the hallway between the church and sacristy is producing a minimum amount of heat. I suggest leaving the door of the sacristy open to further heat the hall.
- I have modified two of the pilot tubes on the cook stove to prevent the pilot light from going out. As of now this looks as though this may fix the issue. If the pilot lights continue to operate correctly, I will remove the remaining pilot tubes and modify them. This will take place at the beginning of February.
- I have started the clean-up of the Jr. Warden room. Does anyone know where I can dispose of about two dozen fluorescent light tubes? There are also many cans of paint to be disposed of (old paint will have to be hardened before it can go to the dump).
- I have found a cover for the light in the kitchen.
- The new AC units will not be covered for winter weather. Our AC covers are available for a donation.
- I plan to remove the old, non-functioning dishwasher. Do we want to replace it? The consensus is do not replace it. We can put a rolling rack in that spot. The garbage compactor is old and not used – decided to let our Junior Warden make the decision whether to remove it.

**Rector's Report:**

- I would like to thank the Vestry for the Christmas gift of restaurant gift cards. It was much appreciated.
- Provided an update on parishioners.

**The Lord's Prayer** was said.

**Adjourn:** Motion made by Alice, seconded by Jeff. Motion carries – 8:37 PM

Next meeting is Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Siebecker  
Clerk of Vestry