

VESTRY MEETING February 11, 2025

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

Absent: Doreen Marshall

Treasurer: Bruce Carpenter

Chairperson: Rev. Cn Melinda Artman

Opening Prayer by Rev. Cn Melinda Artman

Election of Officers: Senior Warden – Margaret Cole
Junior Warden – Alice Bennett
Clerk – Diane Siebecker
Treasurer – Bruce Carpenter

Motion made by Cn Melinda, seconded by Linda to approve the election of officers. Motion carries.

Agenda: Motion to accept the agenda made by Bruce, seconded by Glenn. Additions include Sunday School Report and Diocesan Report. Motion carries.

New Business:

- Coffee Time – Margaret volunteered to host on February 16th. We need someone to coordinate the Monthly Coffee Time.
- Capital Projects for 2025 – we need more data.
 - Parking Lot** – We have a quote from Bishop Brothers Construction. They recommend we have a seal coating two years from completion of the blacktopping, then seal every five years. We would like two more bids – Decision made to request a bid from Stanley Blacktop and B&S Construction.
 - Security System** – Bid received from Sentry Alarms. Diane made a motion to proceed with installation, seconded by Mitzi. Motion carries.
 - Sound System** – no decision made.
 - Repoint Stone work** – no decision made.
- With the large windfall we received from the Conklin Bequest, we want to proceed with a purposeful donation quarterly to specific organizations in and around our community in the amount of \$250. (“seed money”) plus any additional donations received. This will commence this quarter. Our first recipient will be Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Northern Tier.
- With the bequest received from Nina Seebeck (for Redeemer and SJLC) a Cloth Labyrinth will be purchased. Measurements will need to be taken.

Minutes: Motion to accept the January 14, 2025 minutes made by Alice, seconded by Margaret. Motion carries.

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

Highlights:

- Receipts: Pledges are a little behind what we would expect although it is reasonable for this time of year. Overall, Operating Income is quite a bit lower than we would have expected.
- Expenses: Operating Expenses are about in line with what we would expect. The invoice for taking the three trees down along the Parking Lot has been paid.

Senior Warden's Report:

- Alice has no news to report.

Junior Warden's Report:

- Jeff Watson provided a written report for Building and Grounds. The kitchen stove has been disassembled and the required parts have been modified. The stove will be reassembled. A concern is the availability of parts and we need to consider the purchase of a new stove. *Bruce made a motion to research new stove options, seconded by Mitzi. Alice and Linda volunteered to do the research. Motion carries.*

The cleanout of the Jr. Warden room continues. Two truck loads of materials have been removed; all of the recyclables have been removed and Jeff is in the process of using oil absorbent to dry out 46 gallons and 7 quarts of paint so that they may be disposed of in a landfill. This process is ongoing and is going to take some time.

Bruce and Jeff met with representatives of Bishop's Construction to discuss our parking lot issues. It has been determined that the best course of action will be to remove the current asphalt and reestablish a proper base over which the new asphalt would be spread. The cost of this 12,000 square foot project is estimated to be \$45,000.

Rector's Report:

- Our Annual Meeting was held January 28, 2025. Unfortunately, it was poorly attended.
- David (Jake) Marshall's funeral was held and was well done.
- Our Bishop is scheduled to be in attendance Sunday, August 17, 2025.
- A Thrivent Grant for \$250.00 was obtained and paid for the sandwich meat, rolls, etc. for the recent Chili, Soup, and Sandwich Sale. All sales profits went to the Sunday School/Youth Group and was a success. Special thanks to Cheryl Bottone for obtaining the grant.

Other Reports:

- Sunday School: Studying the Old Testament 1 Samuel (David, Saul, and Goliath). Participation is up to nine children.

- The **Parochial Report** reviewed in detail. Motion to approve the report made by Glenn, seconded by Linda. Motion carries.

The Lord's Prayer was said.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Linda, seconded by Margaret. Motion carries – 8:05 PM

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

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Siebecker
Clerk of Vestry