



Vestry Meeting
Monday, August 21st, 2017

Yancey Jones called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM

Members attended: Yancey Jones, Rebecca Cline, Janet Taylor, Ricki Carson, Dawn Davis, Richard Grosse, John Hoar, Beth Markwood, George Spagna.

Absent: Rev. Anna Brawley, Ph.D.

Others in attendance: Cami Stiles, treasurer

Opening prayer was given by Richard Grosse

Treasurer's Report: was given by Cami Stiles
See attached report.

John made the motion to accept the report and Rebecca seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Finance Report: George made a motion to create a third account with EVB, now that the BBT accounts were closed. He explained that we need the third account so that our money would be in the most advantageous position to obtain the highest percentage of return.

Rebecca seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Steve Pace is working on the Audit that should have been finished this August.

New Business action items and new information:

Pastoral Care: Ricki wanted Stephanie to know that pastoral care requests would still be channeled through the Senior/Junior Warden, then to the appropriate chair. Rebecca was to line up priests for pastoral situations in the interim before we called a priest and he/she came on board.

Property: Ricki would like to obtain the landscape plan from Mary Lou Brown before Sept. vestry meeting, to check for ease of maintenance. The vestry then would be able to ok the plan in time for the fall planting.

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Property: Rebecca has written a Property Use Request Contract for the use of the facilities. She would like the vestry to read and make changes so that it may be approved at the next meeting. (tabled)

Rebecca also made the motion that the dumpster be removed as it is being used as a trash dumpster, and not for collection of newspapers. We do not know who is maintaining it (or not), but the dumpster needs to be removed. Also the aluminum can bins need to be removed for the same reasons.

Yancey seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Old business action items identified in advance and updates.

Anna is in search and needs our prayers, knowing she will find a church suitable for her needs and theirs.

We are also in search for a priest and music director/s. Prayers all the way around.

Committee reports (submitted in advance)

Fundraising Committee/Stewardship-George Spagna

The Committee met twice and has another meeting scheduled for August 30th at 5:30PM. A chair has not been identified yet. Those who are meeting are identifying many to ask to be on the committee, in order for the committee to be representative of the congregation.

The campaign should kick off the week after Shrine Mont and last 5 weeks, with the finale being November 5th, Covenant Sunday. Usually the Vestry serves a BBQ dinner to the congregation in thanks for their many gifts.

Chenery-Janet Taylor

They have not responded to requests. They are in summer hiatus.

Outreach-Janet Taylor

Dani Stockwell has taken up the cause of organizing the many outreach programs that St. James the Less has formed over the years. Dani and Janet are co-chairing the committee. The goal is to have all the ministries identified and ready to present to the congregation on Kick Off Sunday.

See attached Outreach report.

Parish Life: Dawn announced the reception is coming together. The sheet cake is ordered, there will be ham biscuits from Suzanne's, chicken pieces, and all the goodies that the congregation will bring for the celebration. Money is still coming in for Anna's purse. Saturday at 10 the set up will begin.

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Property: Rebecca reports that Tom and Dale are busy cleaning the cutters, and refitting pipes. The drainage ditch was dug out, much to Rebecca's delight. Dale fixed the tables so they will not turn over with anyone on one side. Thank goodness.

Communications: (John) People have asked that the links be looked at as they do not always work. Could be ethernet, or browser used. Considering the problem. Need to identify the person who oversees keeping the web working.

Christian Formation: Jane is looking forward to a new priest so she can hand the job over. But all will be ready for the new season. Youth groups had a very successful summer with their mission work.

Pastoral Care: Ricki (see info above)

Senior Warden:

Executive Committee session starts at 8:10 PM ends at 8:40 PM

Motion was given to have the insurance for the employees of the church be 70% church paid and 30% client paid.

Yancey purposed the motion and John seconded it.

Motion passed.

Back into executive session 8:41PM

Date of next vestry meeting will be September 18th, 2017

Yancey adjourned the meeting with prayer at 9:00 PM

Respectively submitted,

Janet Kurowski Taylor, Register