

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING MAY 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Fr. Bill McCleery. Attending were Fr. Bill McCleery, Margaret Barker, Janet Johnson, Susan MacDonald, Jim Olson, Carol Rector, Shelley Schiro, Debby Staton, Jodi Sundeen and Jerry Tanner. Jim Olson gave the devotional. **Jim made a Motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2019 Vestry Meeting, it was seconded by Janet and was passed.**

Jodi presented the Finance Reports (attached) noting corrections to the budget are listed at the end of page 4. **Debby made a Motion to approve the April Financial Statements, pending audit, it was seconded by Susan, and was passed.** Fr. Bill stated the Parish Hall altar was given in memory of Vivian and Walter Hoepfner by their children Walt Hoepfner and Lynn Matykiewicz. Lynn, who recently visited, noticed there is no memorial plate on the altar as promised and also presented a \$25K check for the parish endowment from her brother Walt and her in memory of their parents. Ken Jones has followed up with a thank you letter to Lynn for the endowment gift and has asked her for the wording she would like for the memorial plate. Fr. Bill stated the altar will be placed in the Parish Hall atrium rather than being stored when not in use. Debby Staton reported there is a large quantity of new music stored in the shed, as Dewitt does not want to use it. It was suggested we attempt to sell it and Fr. Bill will ask Dewitt for suggestions.

Jim gave the Constitution, Bylaws and Insurance Committee report stating we need a second vote on the amendment of Article VIII, under Committees. **Jerry made a Motion to amend Article VIII, under Committees, Section 1, to include Communications, Publicity and Heritage as an official Standing Committee and remove the Gift Committee as a Standing Committee, it was seconded by Shelley and was passed.** The second item was a request from the Outreach Committee to add a membership requirement to their section of the Bylaws. **A Motion was made by Debby that Membership of the Outreach Committee should be sufficient so that each member shall be a liaison with one or more agencies/groups supported by Outreach budgeted funds, it was seconded by Margaret, and was passed.** Regarding the church name, the mortgage lists the church as The Church of St. John in the Wilderness, but the Bylaws include the word Episcopal. Jim Olson will check with the Diocese to see if the word Episcopal needs to be in the name of the Church. Once a second vote takes place on the Outreach change, Jim will rewrite and distribute a new copy of the Bylaws to all.

Fr. Bill, reporting for Michael on Stewardship, stated they met on May 1 and have designed a first draft of the Time and Talent survey, drafted by Candace Lewis and Elizabeth Christenbury, and plan to put it on line for parishioners to complete during the month of June. There will be a parish picnic, chaired by David Christenbury, on Saturday, September 14, to kick off our annual stewardship of treasure campaign. On Sunday, September 15, there will be a special breakfast, that will include a mission and ministry fair.

Jerry, reported on Buildings and Grounds, (see attachment), and said the Security Plan is moving slowly due to lack of volunteers to draft it. The final bill on the Parsonage was \$7,682.26. Repairs to the Parish Hall, which are mostly cosmetic, will begin in June. The Garden Guild continues to make improvements and changes. Organization of a maintenance group (the FAD Committee) has begun, starting with a survey of Sanctuary needs, and Chuck Johnson is making all new latches for the pews.

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Margaret reports Diana Byrd has started as Youth and Family Coordinator and we will use The Rev. Catherine Powell as a Consultant for children, youth and families as needed. Fr. Bill, Carol and Margaret will meet with the office staff on policy updates on June 12.

Jim Olson reported on a May 5th meeting of the newly created Christian Formation Committee, chaired by Mary Ann Inglis. Children and youth will take a summer break from Sunday School, but the Adult Forum will continue. In June the Forum will focus on Stewardship as a Lifestyle with various presenters. In July, August and the first half of September, the Forum will delve into The Way of Love – Seven Practices for a Jesus-Centered Life. Jim encouraged Vestry members to participate in the Adult Forums. Creation Care Camp for children and youth will take place at the Inglis farm June 23-25.

Carol reported on the May 6th Outreach Committee meeting chaired by Amanda Woodard, subbing for Beth Melton. During the Outreach meeting, Starr Teal gave a report on our support for the Haiti mission project which he hopes to visit. Outreach grants were within budget for the first half of the year but may be distributed differently in the second half.

Regarding Discernment Committee, Carol reported the first Holy Conversation took place May 9 and it ran like clockwork. There was a large group and Canon Augusta was in attendance. There were 7 tables, 3 questions and much conversation. All input was shared and John Barker was pleased to have the beginning of a description for a new Rector.

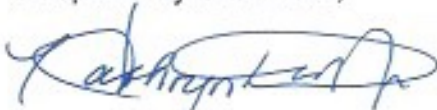
Carol reminded all of the June 22, 2019, Vestry retreat at the clubhouse at Cliffs Valley beginning at 8:30 am with breakfast items, and finishing up at 12:00-12:30. There will be 2 speakers, John Barker and Ken Jones. There will be no other Vestry meeting in June.

Carol also reported that, because we already have a \$6,500 donation in hand, permission was granted to begin the library renovation, orders have been placed, and work will begin on the 19th. The \$6,500 includes painting the ceiling, new carpet, reupholstering wingback chairs, new lighting fixtures and blinds, including blinds in the Parish Hall conference room. It does not include replacing the folding doors or new conference table chairs. The large bureau against the wall (supposedly from the Baring's home) will be moved to the Parish Hall atrium.

Fr. Bill reported we MAY be getting another deacon who, with his wife, has recently moved to Laurel Park from Chicago. Fr. Bill, Carol, Jerry and Jodi have met him and Fr. Bill spoke with the Rector in Chicago, where he previously was Deacon. Fr. Bill asked that we keep this quiet for now.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 pm, following The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathryn Deyerle, Clerk