

January 24, 2024

Vestry Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Fr. John S., Walter F., Don E., Teresa S., Gwen A., Rick H., Shawn H., Richard C., Sylvia H., Gwendolyn W., Wes W.

- I. Prayers offered for Kathy, Freddy, Jeremiah, and Robert
- II. Discussion of Vestry Papers---How Not to Make Decisions from Episcopal Church Foundation
- III. Consent Agenda – motion to approve from Gwen A. Seconded and passed by vestry
- IV. Vestry Covenant—Concerns addressed—recommending Safeguarding God’s People guidelines, directly addressing the person involved. Sylvia made a motion to adopt Vestry Guideline Shawn seconded, and the matter was passed by the vestry present
- V. Vestry Care Groups—Moving from 9 vestry members to 8 so we will balance out the numbers. Next round of contact planned for March, during Lent as an opportunity to invite people to Easter services. Planning Center is used to make contact and log interactions and concerns
- VI. Vestry Officers
 - a. Junior Warden –Wes W.
 - b. Secretary—open request will be made at the Parish Meeting on Sunday
 - c. Treasurer—Chris
- VII. Church T-shirts—John S. will work with Taylor on this. That those who desire a shirt a responsible for the cost. Gray color, approx. 12\$, unisex sizes. Considering the creation of a fund to purchase shirts for others
- VIII. Check Signer concerns addressed—the need for two signers is not always practical. A motion to allow checks to be issued up to the amount of 1000\$ requiring only a single signature was proposed by Gwen A., seconded and approved.
- IX. The Church Has Left the Building – Currently budgeted at 600\$ with plan to raise it to 1000\$. There will be a brief service at 8 am followed with everyone going off to serve in one of 6 ways on April 7. An opportunity for those who cannot participate to donate to an extra offering on that day. The recommendation of raising the Outreach budget by 400\$ was made, seconded, and approved. Walter will inform Amber about the increase to her budget.
- X. Gwen A. shared the results of the Fire Marshall’s cursory visit regarding the new fire system— Chapel doors may remain locked, chairs no closer to doors than three feet. New church building passed the inspection while the old church needs fire/smoke alarms, tops of cabinets must be cleared etc. More details listed on TEAMS—Risk reduction specialist
- XI. Vestry Retreat—Feb. 3 beginning in the sanctuary. Bring problems for strategic planning
- XII. Annual Parish Meeting—this Sunday Jan. 28th. Volunteer to help prepare after the 8 o'clock service
- XIII. Kingcake shared to acknowledge January birthdays and as a farewell to Walter, Teresa, and Don