

A meeting of the Vestry was held via Zoom beginning at 7:30 p.m. on September 15, 2020. Present via Zoom: Jon Yenney, Ned Travis, Gene Goff, Peggy Spinozzi, Josh Ilgen, Bill Kilgour, Steve Jackson, Marilyn Hastings, Sarah Deacle, Patty Earhart, Drew Beck (Rector's Warden), Maeve Vogan, Father Mike

Absent: none

The meeting was opened with the Vestry Prayer.

MINUTES.

Old Business:

1. The July 21st Vestry Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Patty made a motion to approve the Minutes. Passed Unanimously.
2. There was an e-vote in between meetings, to approve the June Financial Reports. Passed Unanimously.

New Business:

3. Discussion of Sidewalks – by Gene Goff
 - a. We now need to build a sidewalk on Evansburg Road per the township.
 - b. Paving will be Macadam, not concrete, which will save money.
 - c. There are some tree obstacles to deal with as part of the project.
 - d. There are two bids that met the deadline:
 - i. One from J. Kenney - \$51K (includes tree removal)
 - ii. One from Steve Folk - \$26K (includes \$2600 to remove trees)
 - iii. There will be changes after a walkthrough with the township, but a contractor has to be selected first.
 - iv. Jon made a motion to accept the bid from Steve Folk. Passed with two abstentions. This project goes against account # 503 1004.
4. Parapet Wall – we reviewed a bid estimate from Tim Kane for \$3500. Time is of the essence to get this done before weather is too cold to prevent further damage.
 - a. Gene made a motion to approve the bid from Tim Kane. Passed with one abstention. This project goes against account # 503 1303.
5. July and August Financial Reports –
 - a. These were distributed by email in previous weeks by Dale.
 - b. Patty made a motion to approve these reports. Passed with one abstention (Jon who was not on the distribution).
6. Glebe House use by Cub Scout dens. Discussed by Sarah.
 - a. There are several dens who would like to make use of the house for meetings. There is some clean up required. We are covered by insurance and utilities are available. This allows some usage of the House, which is better than having a closed-up house, plus we help out the Cub Scouts.
7. Stewardship Campaign – discussed by Father Mike
 - a. He reviewed the campaign letter for this fall.
 - b. Father Mike will be identifying a campaign chairman shortly.
8. 2021 Budgets
 - a. There was a general discussion about budgets for next year, and a general agreement to try and keep all budgets level with 2020 wherever possible.
 - b. Related to the budgets, there was a short discussion about Creative Beginnings. They are back open, but below capacity, and Father Mike predicts we may get about 50% of the payments we would normally receive from them this year.

Commission Area Reports:

1. Buildings & Grounds
 - a. Covered in previous meeting discussions.
2. Parish Life
 - a. No news for this meeting
3. New Member Ministry – Sarah reported.
 - a. Sarah noted that there are four recent new members or families joining St. James'. She is reaching out to welcome them into the community
4. Financial – Phil
 - a. No news reported
5. Outreach – Patty and Peggy reported
 - a. We continue to do weekly food give-outs in the Outreach driveway.
 - b. The Lower Providence Optimist organization provided a nice donation.
 - c. Trinity Lutheran is conducting food drives on our behalf.
 - d. CSL Behring made a large donation of surplus food, as they closed a nearby location.
 - e. The Advisory Board held their first meeting.
 - f. Rules changing soon to allow our clients to come indoors for items.
 - g. We are not taking books.
 - h. There was discussion of a “Reverse Advent Calendar” promotion to encourage St. James members to save up items to bring in on or around Christmas Day.
 - i. Patty mentioned that Fidelity Investments Donor Advised Funds had contributed \$5,000 to the Outreach House.
6. Education Report from Lauren will be distributed by e-mail.
7. Father Mike reported that we had 44 live service attendees this past weekend. Plus 27 who came in for “Virtual Communion”. In addition, there were 68 “Views” of our YouTube service. Assuming a factor of 2.5 viewers per “View”, the total may be as much as 214 this past weekend, which is good, given the Pandemic situation.
8. Gene brought up Food Drive guidelines for November. This may be handled by setting up tent(s) outside, likely in Outreach parking lot.
9. Ned made a motion to adjourn our meeting. Passed unanimously.

Our virtual Vestry meeting was closed with a prayer, and adjourned at 8:55 p.m. Our next meeting will be held on October 20th, via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Yenney

Jon Yenney, Secretary of the Vestry

October 20, 2020