

St. David's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
October 16, 2019

Present: Mary-Esther Arther, Mary Harbinsky, Bonnie Hook, Kathy Kent, Nancy Moody, Mike Roehrer, Jon Richardson, Marty Stanton, John Simonelli

Excused: Pat Hodde

A quorum was declared and the meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by the Rev. Richardson.

Mr. Stanton opened the meeting with a prayer by Thomas Merton.

Mr. Roehrer shared the inspiration he found in the life of his friend Tom Lehmann. Mr. Lehmann was an amazingly upbeat and optimistic person concerned about others who advocated for housing for disabled individuals. Mr. Lehmann was confined to a wheel chair since he was a teenager.

Mrs. Kent moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Stanton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The minutes of the last meeting were corrected to say the thrill of the grill instead of the trill of the grill. Mrs. Harbinsky moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Mrs. Moody seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Listening from the Congregation

A member of the congregation complained that the carpet in the large skylight room is filthy and needs to be cleaned or replaced. Mr. Stanton has a carpet at home that may work as a replacement.

Stewardship

Mr. Simonelli reported:

- The Beefsteak and Silent Auction will be October 26.
- The Parish Yard Sale netted \$320. Mrs. Moody was thanked for her coordination and hard work. Next year's suggestions were more baked goods, sell coffee, and begin to promote earlier.
- Thanks to Mr. Simonelli who donated his sales to St. David's.
- Sixteen financial commitment forms are outstanding. The vestry was given the names of families to send personal notes.
- A Christmas Carol will be on December 7th. A reception will begin at 6 followed by the presentation in the church at 7.

Outreach

Mrs. Harbinsky reported that another set of checks will be sent out this week to North Porch and the food banks. That will bring the total to \$6000 for this year.

Mr. Stanton took the last donation of coats to the Boonton YMCA>

Thanksgivings

- Mrs. Moody was thanked for her incredible job of running the yard sale.
- Mr. Simonelli was thanked for donating his sales.
- Mrs. Harbinsky was thanked for overseeing the baskets.
- Mr. and Mrs. Stanton were thanked for driving the food and serving at St. Paul's shelter.
- Mr. Simonelli was thanked for his coordination of St. Paul's meal.
- Everyone who contributed food for St. Paul's was thanked.
- Mr. Kidney was thanked for painting the new TV room and chapel.
- Mr. Baskinger was thanked for moving everything out of the TV room.
- The well-behaved animals were thanked.
- Jeanie Boranian was thanked for joining the choir and becoming a lector.

QuickBooks

Mrs. Hook reported:

- Several different report formats are being considered. The Vestry indicated having a report that showed month and year to date and month and budget would be helpful.
- There are two checks which haven't cleared. They may be duplicates.
- Mr. Simonelli moved to accept the QuickBooks reports as presented. Mrs. Arther seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Remarks

Mrs. Arther provided clarification:

- The refrigerator in comment five is to keep the bread and wine fresh in the sacristy. It was acquired during a back to school sale.
- The \$805 is what remains from the 2018 surplus.
- The problem of the price of name plates for the memorial garden was discussed. Two members have prepaid for their funerals. Arrangements for future burials in the memorial garden will indicate that name plates will be the price in effect at the time of ordering.

Giving Tracking

The Rev. Richardson reported that the price for the software was deceptive and would cost much more than originally anticipated. It would have made the process harder. There may be a nonprofit version of QuickBooks available able to track pledging and non-pledge giving.

Mutual Ministry Review

Our Mutual Ministry Review is scheduled from 12-4 on November 23. Canon Clarke will facilitate the review. Mrs. Harbinsky volunteered to provide soup.

Property

Mr. Roehrer reported:

- The tree in front of the rectory has been removed.
- Fall clean-up is Nov. 16th.
- The carpeting will be removed from the basement to help with the dampness problem.
- Adopt a Project V2 is scheduled for 2020.
- The annual leaf clean-up will be done on a wait and see basis. It was suggested to mulch the leaves.
- The language of the snow plowing contract is being reviewed.

Calendar

- Choir practice will be 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 1 not October 31.
- Nov. 24 at 7:00 p.m. is the Community Thanksgiving service at the Reformed Church.
- The Stewardship meeting starts at 7:15.
- Mrs. Harbinsky moved to adopt the calendar as amended. Mr. Simonelli seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mrs. Kent moved to end the meeting. Mr. Stanton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting ended at 8:16 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary R. Harbinsky
clerk