

St. David's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
December 18, 2019

Present: Mary Harbinsky, Pat Hodde, Bonnie Hook, Kathy Kent, Nancy Moody, Jon Richardson, Mike Roehrer, John Simonelli, Marty Stanton

Excused: Mary-Esther Arther

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by the Rev. Richardson. A quorum was established.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Mrs. Harbinsky.

Mr. Stanton shared about his experience being a member at St. John the Divine. One key event was how the priest treated Jeannette, a disabled member. The message conveyed was we are all equal in Jesus' eyes.

Mrs. Moody moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mrs. Hook seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The November minutes were corrected to indicate the correct spelling of Mrs. Arther's surname and to change "completer" on page three to "completed." Mr. Simonelli moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Mr. Roehrer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Listening from the congregation

- A concern was expressed about the collection of water in the front of the church. The downspout extension will be redirected.
- The noise in the narthex before the service was mentioned. The worship team leaders will discuss this with their teams.

Stewardship

Mr. Simonelli referred to the Stewardship Commission minutes and talked about new fundraising ideas. A survey was sent to the congregation. A kid centric fundraising idea is Touch A Truck.

Outreach

Mrs. Harbinsky reported that the Outreach Committee didn't have a December meeting. Mrs. Hodde stated that North Porch is desperate for size 4 & 6 diapers. Another round of checks went out from the sale of vouchers. The Butler Food Pantry will be sending us an updated list of items needed. Jeannette DeVincenzo-Meyer made and wrapped 30 small dopp kits for the men at St. Paul's shelter.

Thanksgivings

- To all the members who participated in making and serving the December St. Paul's meal.
- To Jeannette DeVincenzo-Meyer for making dopp kits as gifts for the men at St. Paul's
- To Sal and Katherine Mallimo, the choir participants and members who attended the community Thanksgiving service.
- To Gill Otto for her 9 ½ years of dedicated service.
- To Mike Roehrer and Guy Baskinger for their tree clean-up work.
- To Sal Mallimo and the carolers.
- To John Simonelli for feeding the carolers when they were finished.
- To Jon Richardson for finding, getting, and setting up the digital piano.
- To Guy Baskinger for his work especially in reference to the tree limbs and clean up after the snow storm.
- To Nancy and Lee Moody for delivering the gifts for children of incarcerated parents to St. James, Upper Montclair.
- To Michael Kidney for delivering the items to Seamen's Church Institute.
- To Pat Hodde for delivering to North Porch.
- To everyone who provided food for the Christmas Carol reception.
- To everyone who gave gifts for the Christmas outreach collections.
- To Pat Hodde, Mike Roehrer, Kathy Kent, and John Simonelli, our outgoing vestry members, for their service.

Mrs. Moody moved to approve the Rector's housing allowance for 2020 based on the 2019 housing allowance. Mr. Roehrer seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Simonelli will supply the wording for the resolution, which was not available at the meeting.

Mr. Stanton moved to retroactively approve payment for purchase of a digital piano for the choir room. The Vestry approved the purchase of the piano by an e-mail vote. Mrs. Hodde seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Gill Otto has submitted her resignation effective the end of January 2020. The church will recognize Gill during an upcoming coffee hour. January 19th was a suggested date pending Gill's approval, with the 26th as the snow date.

QuickBooks

Mrs. Hook reported:

- Mrs. Hook met with a representative from PNC bank. There are few options available. They will credit back three months fee charges. An authorized signer needs collect the form from PNC to change the type of account the church currently has.
- The pledge and non-pledge contribution reports will go out by the end of January.
- Mrs. Hook asked for the log in for the square report to be able to make more accurate entries.

- Mrs. Harbinsky moved to accept the QuickBooks report as submitted. Mr. Stanton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Property

Mr. Roehrer reported:

- The cleanup of damage from the storm is largely completed.
- The new recycling guidelines were presented.

Mrs. Harbinsky moved to approve the calendar as presented. Mrs. Kent seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mrs. Hodde, Mr. Roehrer, Mrs. Kent, and Mr. Simonelli were recognized and thanked for their service on the Vestry.

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

The meeting ended at 8:33 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Harbinsky
Clerk