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Vestry Minutes for The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist

November 14, 2018

Present: Sharon Lamando, Scott Kresge, Mike McNamara, Anne Pratt, Tom Sombar, Barney Lane, Clara Escobar, Father Tom White and Jill Malloy.

Meeting was called to order by Senior Warden Sharon Lamando at 6:58 pm.

Opening Prayer was given by Father Tom White.

Review and Acceptance of October Minutes: Motion was made by Mike McNamara to accept October minutes and seconded by Scott Kresge. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Report was given by Tom Sombar. There was some question about a bill from After Hours and Mike will reach out for clarification. Motion was made to accept the treasurer's report by Mike McNamara and seconded by Clara Escobar. All were in favor.

Priest's Comments: Father Tom spoke of how energized he was with Deacon Paula's presence. Wonderful things are happening. Women of the Bible will begin in January and will meet every other week. For the weeks of Advent there will be a morning and evening prayer service. Morning prayer will be Wednesdays from 9-9:30 and evening prayer will be at 6:30-7 on Tuesdays evening. It will take the place of bible study. Information will be announced in church. Lessons and carols are December 2 at 3:00. Father Tom encourages everyone to come and support the choir.

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports

Worship/Music: Sharon reported she ordered one of the globes and the 12" was too tall. She has now ordered 10" globes and will order a case of them.

Sunday School/Youth Ministry: Jill reported the cards for Stockings for Soldiers were completed and given to Sharon for distribution. The children are learning about Thanksgiving and are in the process of a large project. The kids are looking forward to the angel tree once again and once the angels are off of the tree the children will be encouraging

everyone to “decorate” the tree with mittens, scarves, hats, etc. Lessons for Christmas are fast approaching. Jill will talk with Father Tom about skipping Sunday School the Sunday between Christmas and New Years as in years past. Jill reported that Doc DiMichele voiced his concern with the side door being unlocked. This will be addressed under new business. Willow’s communion class was postponed and will be rescheduled. There are two new kids that are coming to Sunday School and are a blessing.

Outreach: Clara reported they are busy preparing for their cookie walk which will be on December 8th. Clara gave to Tom an envelope where someone handed her money towards sandwich Thursday. They would like to adopt 10 families this year.

Fellowship/Kitchen Teams: Jill reported on the changes within the kitchen teams. Lee stepped down as lead and Sheila and John took over that team. Sandy C. took over John and Sheila’s old team. Anne has asked to be relieved of her duties as lead and team member. Jill stated she wanted to get the team leads together before the end of the year just to possible re-group. Jill reported Rob is interested in getting together a men’s team. Jill is still waiting on Rob to let her know when the men’s team is ready. Kitchen teams are going along well. Jill did ask Sharon to announce the need for volunteers for the kitchen teams since there are some new parishioners.

Parish Communications: Father Tom reported they are working on the parish directory and will ask people to look at the prototype before it goes to press. New road signs are in limbo at this time as well as our parking lot signs. He showed everyone the new portrait of the Bishop and he said under his picture Deacon Paula and Father Tom will have their pictures placed underneath so the clergy leadership of the parish are in place. The outside sign is also being redone so both sides are the same.

Property: Mike reported he will go to the town hall for the shed. It will be delivered November 26th. Mike spoke of the bugs in the basement. Activ Pest Control was contacted and they quoted \$525 annually then \$100 a quarter. Since it is cold weather now, this has been tabled. The faucet has been installed outside.

Long Range Planning: No report

Landscaping: No report

Church Security and Safety: Mike reported the first aid class has been moved from December 5th to December 6th because of the Christmas parade.

In-Reach Ministry: Father Tom reported they are responding whenever there is a need.

Parish Hall: No report

Nominating Committee: Mike reported there are three people for nominations. They are Sharon Lamando, Jill Malloy and Ted Palmer.

Old Business

Signs: Roadside signs are in limbo and will have an estimate on the remaining signs by next month.

Easter Hangings: Deacon Paula has gotten frames. Scott reported they are very thin, lightweight and white. They will showcase the hangings beautifully.

New Business

Delegates to Convention: Father Tom said we had to certify our delegates by November 27th. He felt the Jung's were willing to go, Scott was willing to be an alternate. Deacon Paula and Father Tom will be attending as well. He would like to appoint another alternate. He will work on getting someone to fill that position. Father Tom will check with the Jung's to make sure they do want to attend.

Security – Side Door: Sharon asked how everyone felt about locking the door. Father Tom suggested it should be locked when Jill and the kids come back after their chat. Anne suggested an usher could stay by the door. Father Tom said he and Deacon Paula will be training ushers so they could include that into the training. The usher would lock the door when Father Tom is talking to the kids. Scott suggested a sign be posted to use the front door after service has begun. Sharon asked if announcements should be made about locking the door. Clara said she felt it should be announced on Sunday mornings. Mike said he had talked to the chief of police and was told doors have been locked, people standing in the back of the church watching. The plan will start immediately, the ushers will have to be told of the plan so they know to stay back and lock up.

Finance Payment Plan: Sharon wanted to discuss this. Tom suggested the amount paid be \$8000 rather than the \$8500. Sharon asked if envelopes had been ordered. Father Tom feels strongly that everyone receives a box of envelopes. He wants to make sure there are extras for new parishioners.

Long Range Financial Planning: Sharon wanted to appoint a committee for this but Scott reported it actually fell under the existing Long Range Planning Committee. No new committee was needed. Re-start the existing committee at this time. Father Tom suggested both Tom and Jim be on this committee. Sharon reminded Tom Jim needed to be added to the account. Tom reported there should be a proposal written stating Louise's name is coming off of the account and that Jim was being added. This will have to be submitted to the bank. It will be on letterhead and the seal applied.

Audit: Tom reported it was picked up that day. Eleanor Turell is the auditor that handles our audit. Her office is in Seaford. It will probably take 2-3 weeks.

Proposal: Father Tom talked about Judy Gregory wanting payment on the Wharton Street property. Father Tom suggested we propose we pay the interest rather than the full amount

of \$700 per month. Since we put the property on the market and the Diocese did not want us to sell, he felt it would be fair if we paid the interest and the trustees paid the principal. The proposal needs to include the paving, how we use the lot for spillover parking, sandwich Thursdays, picnics. Motion was made to submit a proposal to the Diocese for us to pay the interest and the trustees pay the principal by Scott Kresge and seconded by Mike McNamara. All were in favor.

Feedback from Congregation: None

Motion to Adjourn: Motion to adjourn was made by Mike McNamara and seconded by Clara Escobar. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2018 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Malloy, Clerk of the Vestry