

St. Luke's Vestry Meeting Minutes July 21, 2019

Procedural

New agenda approved

Minutes edited to correct confusion about which projects the Skidmore's Wine Tasting Benefit were to receive funds. They are the Mothers Union in the Diocese of Masvingo, Zimbabwe and the College of Transfiguration which is the only Episcopal seminary in South Africa.

Minutes then approved.

Rector's Report

Nicci is doing well and interacting with the congregation. She is enthusiastic despite a rather poor response to her Sunday morning class. She will serve St. Luke's until mid-August. Mother Barb will write a report on her service and Nicci will do a series of reflections on her service as well. Three deacons will be ordained by the Diocese in December. The bishop will determine where Nicci will eventually serve but since she lives in Sheboygan it is probable she will be assigned to a church within commuting distance of her home.

The Skidmores raised over \$1,500 at their wine tasting event. Mother Barb matched half of that which will be sent to the Mother's Union. The Diocese will wire the money with the other funds. Karen Malzahn is working on the logistics of transfer the rest of the money to the College of Transfiguration.

Emiliano and Richard Marvin attended Episcopal Camp. Emiliano has expressed interest in becoming a counsellor for next year's camp. We will try to get him to other similar events throughout the year.

Diana Wallace tendered her resignation as vestry clerk. The Vestry thanked her for her service. Susan Hoffert offered to succeed her in that position. The Vestry voted to accept Susan's offer and she began her position with this meeting.

Senior Warden Report

No report

Junior Warden Report

Part of the wall repair is finished. A trench was dug from the site of the repair to the front of the Church to investigate if there is further damage. The carpenter from Forestville found dry rot so is checking to be sure there isn't more. Press-treated lumber has been used to repair what has been found so far. By the end of the week we should know more. George indicated that the wall was probably constructed in the 1930s which is why it needs to be monitored. The original estimate for repair was \$10,000 but the final bill will likely be less.

The entry door has been repainted. A replacement for the warped door is on its way (in Forestville at the time of the meeting).

There have been complaints that the Sanctuary lamps are too dim. By replacing the bulbs over time, beginning with the two that seem the most problematic, we will save money. The goal is to have all replaced by the end of November.

Karen suggested looking into a Federal or State subsidy for replacing standard light bulbs with LED. She will get information to George.

George asked the Vestry to take a good look at the arbor vitae surrounding the columbarium. They are overgrown and need of trimming. He reported that the landscaper has recommended removal and replacement with shrubs that are more suited to small hedges. Current trees are too tall and are the wrong species of cedar to turn into hedging.

Mother Barb brought up concerns about the magnolia which is currently in the way of the roof lights and suggested repositioning it to make it easier for the electrician to correct the wiring of the lights there (which are currently in violation of code). No action was decided upon.

Treasurer's Report

Karen reported that our Diocesan and Fidelity investment funds are doing well. Karen was made aware of the decision last meeting that the Vestry will receive only a monthly report and a balance sheet. The Vestry will also quarterly receive consolidated investment reports.

George asked Mother Barb to give him copies of repair bills so he can keep track of them and eventually create a report for the Vestry.

Committee Reports

None

New Business

Pete Thelen reported that a donation St. Luke's made for specialized education for a young man with dyslexia was not in vain. After four weeks he is reading for the first time in his life. He suggested we consider sharing such victories in the electronic newsletter so parishioners can share in the news. Carol Ann agreed.

The date for the next Vestry meeting is Sunday, Aug. 18.

George motioned to adjourn, seconded by Barb.

Respectfully submitted

Susan Hoffert
Vestry Clerk