

St. Luke's Vestry Meeting Minutes Sept. 15, 2019

Attendees: Mother Barb, Betsy Rogers, Karen Malzahn, Susan Hoffert, Carol Ann Osinski, George Hughes, Pete Thelen, Paul Neuman

Procedural

Agenda approved

Minutes approved

Rector's Report

St. Luke's delegates to the convention are registered and hotel rooms have been reserved. Anyone who would like to attend Presiding Bishop Curry's revival does need to register as a count is needed for lunch. Barb will put a sign up sheet in the Alley and Carol Ann will include a link to the registration in the next enews. An announcement will be made at next Sunday's services.

The movie night was a success—we had more than 50 in attendance and St. Luke's was well represented. The next movie will be at the Universalist Unitarian Church on Oct. 13 at 5 pm.

Barb did hear from Mark Richards, minister in charge of the community Hospice about using the Canterbury room for support group meetings. However he informed her that the group has decided to meet at the Sister Bay Library instead.

The Stewardship letter is drafted and will be sent to recipients at the end of October. Pete will get a list of names to Paul and Betsy before then.

The Blessing of Animals will take place on Oct. 6th. at 2 p.m.

Barb will attend the Clergy Conference Sept. 23-24.

Bishop Matthew Gunter will visit St. Luke's on Sunday, Oct. 6. He may want to meet with the Vestry, however several members will not be here that day.

Mike and Marcia Eischen have purchased an education program of 21 independent sessions (meaning each lesson is self-contained and not a continuation of the previous lesson). These will be divided into three sections with seven being held in Spring 2020, seven in the Summer and seven in the Fall.

Preparation is beginning for the Lessons and Carols as well as the Christmas Tea. Barb would like to better promote both beyond the congregation.

The last print newsletter will be in November.

Senior Warden Report

Betsy drafted a letter to the Bishop affirming the Vestry's desire to have Barb continue as rector even if she is past the official retirement age. The letter was approved.

Junior Warden Report

George is waiting on a few more bills from the work on the outside wall.

After deliberation on the warm light vs. daylight bulbs in the Sanctuary, George announced he would prefer to use only the warm light as it is less harsh but still allows good illumination. The Vestry agreed.

One requirement the Fire Inspector pointed out was all walkways leading from the Church building must be clear of snow. Doug Marvin and his sons have agreed to shovel for \$30 each time.

An anonymous donor has offered to pay for new pottery planters. George will ask our Groundskeeper, who is also a potter to create new planters for each side of the main entry door. Betsy motioned that he do so, Barb seconded. Motion was unanimously passed.

Treasurer's Report

Susan read out the Certificate of Acceptance that must be completed and sent to the Diocese Office after approval by the Vestry. Betsy moved, Paul seconded, motion unanimously passed.

Susan will fill it out, sign, and send original to the Diocese, with a copy for the Clerk's book and a copy to Barb and to the Treasurer.

The space off the Canterbury Room will be reorganized to become, at least temporarily, an office for Juliana Neuman after her knee surgery. Spectrum has installed Wifi downstairs. This will increase our IT costs \$65 a month, which was expected. Jane will be able to continue to use that space as her office as well. Depending on well that works, this could become a permanent office for both.

Jude Teicher will join the Treasurer team of Karen Malzahn and Norma Bramsen.

Paul asked if St. Luke's has considered offering automatic withdrawal for pledges. After discussion Barb will ask Nicolet Bank whether this is a good option. It will be dependent on whether we can get a list of individual auto withdrawal names so we can keep track of the individual pledges.

Committee Reports

None

New Business

None

The date for the next Vestry meeting is Sunday, Nov. 17.

Betsy moved and Pete seconded a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Susan Hoffert
Vestry Clerk