

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Feb. 16, 2020
MINUTES

The meeting convened with prayer at 11:55. The vestry approved the agenda and the December minutes.

In Mother Barb's report:

- "Living the Questions," a seven-week winter study led by Mike Eischen and Mother Barb, is drawing a large attendance with good discussion.
- A study series based on Jim Wallis's *Christ in Crisis* will take place on four successive Thursdays beginning May 20, rather than during Lent as originally planned. The discussion will begin at 1 pm.
- Plans are in place for Lenten movie nights and soup suppers.
- Sunday school will resume on the first Sunday of each month at 9 am. Mother Barb and Emily Roedl are discussing the possibility of a Children's Sunday in conjunction with Sunday school, with possible participation of our young people in the 10 am Eucharist service.
- The Ash Wednesday service will be at noon Feb. 26.
- The vestry will not meet in March. The next meeting will be April 19.
- A contractor stopped in to tell Mother Barb that blasting will take place on the bluff west of the church property, where condos are to be constructed. The church is outside the blast zone but the contractor notified us as a courtesy.

Senior Warden Betsy Rogers had no report.

Junior Warden George Hughes reported that he is relamping the Canterbury Room to replace aging LED bulbs, and the treasurers' office. He also suggested that we ask Ralph Blankenburg to investigate the purchase of a laptop computer for the sole purpose of operating the A-V system. The vestry did not approve funds for this purpose but agreed that having information from Ralph would be useful.

Jude Teicher presented the financial reports for the treasurers. Paul Neuman and Betsy Rogers queried the difference on the Jan. 31 balance sheet between line 1.0004, which put the Diocesan Common Trust Fund at \$162,472.64, and line 3.0025, which put the fund at \$172,472.64. While there was a \$10,000 withdrawal from the fund in December, that would have appeared on the December 2019 balance sheet. Jude said she would investigate and clarify these numbers. Jude also said she would determine the explanation for the difference between budgeted and actual amounts for our bookkeeper and our water/sewer bills.

The treasurers raised the issue of our Certificate of Deposit investments and proposed that instead of purchasing monthly \$5,000 CDs we adjust the purchasing schedule to buy quarterly \$20,000 CDs, with the additional money coming from our savings account. The vestry agreed that Barb will consult with Doug Schwartz on this question and bring the matter back for further discussion.

Jude presented the parochial report as prepared by Karen Malzahn. The vestry approved it by unanimous vote, and in the absence of Clerk Susan Hoffert, who is out of the country, appointed Jane Weis clerk pro tem, again by unanimous vote, to sign the report, which is due March 1.

Betsy reported that the stewardship campaign raised more than \$97,000, \$5,000+ above our goal.

Pete Thelen suggested that St. Luke's again participate in the annual Sister Bay village-wide rummage sale May 16, offering only books and a Canterbury Café where shoppers can get a great homemade lunch. The vestry agreed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Rogers, clerk pro tem