

Approved Minutes
St. Andrew's Vestry Meeting
July 19, 2022
Hybrid meeting (Undercroft and via zoom)

Rector, Wardens and Vestry present: John Ward, Christine Benken, Priscilla Glendinning, Terry Marsh, Sally Pearce, Suzannah Rohman, Sara Sandberg, Seth Stewart, Jim Swan, Edie Vaughan, Rachel Zoller

Via Zoom: Lili Pugh

Treasurer present via zoom: Mark Freese

Suzannah opened the meeting at 4:30.

Opening Prayer/Reflection- Jim Swan read a passage from the book *Deep Play* by Diane Ackerman and a poem by Wendell Berry. The presence of joy in the world and play for its own sake was the theme of the reflection.

Minutes from June 21, 2022 – approved

Property Committee – Christine Benken said the property committee is looking for new members, please give them suggestions. The gutters above the stained glass still need to be repaired before the windows can be reinstalled. The three propane tanks will stay in the same general location. The Finance Committee has reviewed the Property Committee study of needed projects for the next 5 plus years. They suggest keeping spending to \$75,000 per year. This year \$38,653.00 has been spent. Christine then talked about various priorities. The lighting project will be either done in stages or postponed depending upon if we need money for the memorial garden project.

Suzannah noted that it is great that finance and property are now working in concert.

Jim explained that the repair and repainting of the plaster and decorative painting under the stained glass will happen after the reinstallation of the windows.

Christine will distribute the study of the needed projects. Thank you, Christine.

Treasurer's Report- Mark Freese said that the fence post repair would be covered by insurance. The \$75,000 amount for property needs is a guideline, not an exact line. Mark reviewed the income from pledge and plate and said there is a deficit compared to last year. John noted that pledges will be met but people may be waiting for the market to rebound. Capital expenditures to date are \$37,829.00. Thank you, Mark.

Covid protocol- We talked about ways to keep the church cool. We moved, seconded and voted the following motion: Masks optional with singing when the CDC guideline is a green risk level. Masks optional with no singing when the CDC guideline is a yellow risk level. Masks mandated and no singing when the CDC guideline is a red risk level. The resolution was passed by all.

John led a talk about the fundraising for Marc Zoorob. Marc needs to show that he has \$34,646 when he applies for his visa in August. John is working closely with Marc. We are also talking with the Bishop about attesting to the funds. St. Andrew's fundraising is \$7,000 shy of the full amount needed at this time. The Aunties and John are providing moral support and great advice to Marc as he gets ready to return to Maine for his fall semester as a freshman at the University of Maine at Orono.

We moved, seconded and voted to move \$7,500 from the outreach fund to the Marc Zoorob fund as the match has been met. The motion was passed by all.

Seth suggested we postpone the fundraising for the Memorial Garden until after the September Vestry meeting.

David Blanchard and Jack Dexter will conduct the financial audit. The first step is to meet with Bill Judd and Seth.

John talked about the outreach work. We have a list of volunteer opportunities. What is the next step? Tie this initiative to the fall stewardship campaign? All liked this suggestion. More ideas were: people could accompany another parishioner when they go to volunteer. Put a request in the newsletter for further suggestions. The food pantry has been the recipient of the first Sunday of the month plate offering. The outreach committee will ask the food pantry about their current needs. Other organizations could be the recipients of the first Sunday plate offering.

Suzannah said that we will devote the October Vestry meeting to delving into what we learned from the questions we asked at the Vestry retreat.

John said that Ruth Monsell has asked to have her husband's ashes interred in the columbarium. We moved, seconded and voted to approve this request. The motion was passed by all.

John requested that we give him suggestions of parishioners to join the stewardship committee for the fall.

Suzannah will send letters to newcomers. We hope to develop a more intentional process for welcoming new parishioners.

Expressions of Gratitude-to John and Steve Ward for helping Marc Zoorob. To Lili for hosting the retreat. To Christine and the property committee for their work.

Please find attached the Property Committee document Buildings and Grounds Anticipated Spending Report.

Adjournment- 6:04 PM

Respectfully submitted, Terry Marsh