

MINUTES OF ST. PETER'S VESTRY MEETING

JUNE 18, 2020

Approved July 16, 2020

The fourth Zoom vestry meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Phil Montgomery. Those present:

Phil Montgomery, Anita Biletzky, Varsie Geisler, Liane O'Keefe Lynne Roberts, John Vain, John Boies, Judy LaPorta, vestry clerk, Deacon Dee Goodale, and Fr. Mark Geisler.

Donna Hill was having trouble with her internet and joined us during the Junior Warden's report.

Absent: Henry Burgweger

Lynne Roberts asked that additions of Graduation and letter sent by Wardens be added to the Agenda. The vestry was reminded that additions to the agenda must be sent to the office at least 2 days before the meeting. These items were added.

After an opening prayer, Anita Biletzky moved that the minutes of the May meeting be approved, Phil Montgomery seconded, and the motion carried.

Senior Warden report – Phil Montgomery reported that he and Anita Biletzky had been meeting with Fr. Georges regularly to discuss re-opening the church. The items required to open the church have been completed and once the vestry approves the report, it will be sent to the diocese for final approval. Anita will cover the items in her report.

Phil also had been discussing MMR with Larry Dirst. Because the due date had been extended, Larry will present the report at the July meeting.

Junior Warden report: Anita had previously sent the check list for re-opening the church to the vestry to review. Meetings in the hall, music, and service times were discussed. John Boies moved to accept the plan to reopen the church, and Phil Montgomery seconded, the motion carried.

Anita also reported that the new tenants were moving into the Wetzel house, the security deposit, first month's rent, and pet deposit have been received. Because there are new tenants, the locks will need to be changed.

Anita also reported having trouble receiving a second bid for the parking lot. John Boies suggested that we did not need a second bid as the George Brothers have been doing this for years, have a good reputation, and the equipment needed to get the job done. All agreed.

Treasurer's Report – John Vain reported that pledges are coming in regularly and are currently ahead of budget. He reported that minor maintenance is over budget and our lawn maintenance and snow removal are also over. The interest payment from the special account will be less than the administrative fee from the bank, (due to current market conditions) so the money in the special account was moved to the regular account.

Both installments of the real estate taxes have been paid on the rental properties. He recommended that we start early this year with our stewardship drive. Early August was recommended. Because we will not have a mid-year parish meeting, a letter will be sent to the congregation regarding the financial status of the church.

John Boies moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, Varsie Geisler seconded, and the motion carried.

Caregivers' report: Lynne Roberts said she has added to the list of people on the list of those to send "thinking of you" cards, etc. The caregivers have been busy checking up on everyone during this time. At this time, nursing homes are no longer accepting packages, etc. for their patients due to the spread of the corona virus.

Outreach report – Lynne Roberts reported that physical items are no longer being collected for the food pantry. Checks were sent for 2 months to help them purchase food from the NI Food Bank. They can purchase food for much less than we can. When normal church services resume, the Red Bowl will be set out for cash donations for the food pantry.

New Business – Lynne Roberts reported that 13 bags of treats were made for our graduates. Eight were delivered locally and the others will be mailed. Lynne Roberts, Tammy Newquist, and John and Cindy Vain brought the bags to the graduates, who were surprised and happy with their gifts.

Warden's letter – The Junior and Senior wardens had previously sent a letter to all vestry members regarding the post on Facebook asking where our rector was in our time of need. A discussion ensued regarding that post and the fact that social media was not the place for any questions regarding our rector. All questions should be directed to Fr. Georges, or our wardens.

Rector's report – Fr. Georges reported that the Bishop continues to have weekly calls with all of the priests in the diocese.

Phil Montgomery moved that the meeting be adjourned, Varsie Geisler seconded, and the motion carried. After a closing prayer by Fr. Mark, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

Respectfully submitted

Judy LaPorta

Vestry Clerk