

**MINUTES OF ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH VESTRY
MEETING NOVEMBER 19, 2020**

Approved December 17, 2020 with corrections

The Zoom meeting was called to order by Phil Montgomery at 7:02 pm. Those present were: Phil Montgomery, Anita Biletzky, John Vain, John Boies, Varsie Geisler, Donna Hill, Lynne Roberts, Henry Burgweger, Liane O'Keefe, Fr. Mark Geisler, Deacon Dee Goodale, and Judy LaPorta, clerk.

After an opening prayer by Fr. Georges, the agenda was approved by all. No additions were made. Phil Montgomery moved to approve the minutes of the October meeting, Varsie Geisler seconded, and the motion carried.

Senior Warden report:

St. Peter's annual meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2021. In speaking with the diocese, Phil was told that by laws can be suspended by a resolution at the beginning of the meeting to allow the meeting to be on Zoom. After a lengthy discussion regarding holding the meeting on Zoom, the subject was tabled until after Fr. Georges receives direction from the Bishop at their December 9th meeting.

Phil has contacted 3 people regarding the vestry openings. He received 1 yes, 1 no, and 1 no response.

Junior Warden report:

Anita Biletzky reported that she had made an error when paying for the electrical upgrade to the Wetzel house. She had the money (\$2,105) taken from the maintenance account, when it had been agreed by the vestry that the money be taken out of carry over. She requested those funds be transferred from the carry over account to the maintenance account, allowing the funds for the new furnace to be paid from the maintenance account. John Vain moved that the funds that had been taken from the maintenance account would not be transferred from the carry over account, and the amount for the new furnace (\$2,850), should come from the property maintenance account. The shortfall would be lent from the carry over account to be paid back when enough had been accrued in that account. The vote was 5 No, 3 Yes, and 1 Abstain The motion did not carry.

John Boies moved that the funds for the electrical upgrade of the Wetzel house be moved from the carryover account to the maintenance account, allowing the new furnace to be paid from the maintenance account. Varsie Geisler seconded the motion and the vote was 5 Yes, 2 No, and 2 Abstain. The motion carried.

Treasurer's report:

John Vain reported that our 2021 pledges are short of last year. With increases needed in many accounts, some cuts may be necessary.

In December we may need to use carryover funds for expenses.

Phil Montgomery moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Varsie Geisler seconded, and the motion carried.

Committee reports:

Lynne Roberts reported that the Caregivers and Outreach committees have not been meeting. Caregivers have been following our shut ins and checking on them.

Outreach – The Shoebox ministry had the same number of boxes filled as last year. 4 boxes were filled personally and 8 were filled on line.

We will again ask for people to participate in the Salvation Army Angel project. We have 10 tags.

Items are still needed for the Hope Haven monthly dinner. Vestry members offered to fill those items needed.

Old business:

Ministry review: Fr. Georges reported that he had a Zoom call with the children of the parish and they enjoyed it.

John Vain questioned the parochial report that the vestry had signed, saying we reported 187 members, but we only have 33 pledging units. Fr. Georges responded that John Vain had supplied that number and that he would verify. John Vain responded that he had not supplied that number.

A question was raised as to why the roofing project was not completed on Waterman Hall. John Vain reported that there were Covid cases among the crew causing a delay and then the weather turned cold. The project will be completed in the spring.

Rector Report:

At the advice of the Bishop, the church will be closed for 3 Sundays. Fr. Georges will provide Zoom worship from his office at 10:00 each Sunday followed by a virtual coffee hour.

Fr. Georges is offering a Zoom Bible study on December 2, 9, and 16 from 7-8pm. We will be studying the first three chapters of Luke. The Zoom information will be sent to the congregation, so sign up is not necessary.

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 9:03.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy LaPorta

Vestry clerk