

**MINUTES OF ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH VESTRY
MEETING**

OCTOBER 15, 2020 approved November 19, 2020

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

Absent: Phil Montgomery, Fr. Mark Geisler

Additions to the Agenda were as follows:

New Business – Stewardship, Vestry openings, Annual meeting – Covid 19

Old Business – Bishop search

Judy LaPorta reported that Phil Montgomery had instructed her to put an article in the Morning Star regarding the vestry openings and it will be in the November issue. The December issue will contain profiles of the candidates.

A discussion about the annual meeting ensued and Anita Biletzky said that she and Sr. Warden, Phil Montgomery would review the by-laws and our options.

After a spelling correction to the September minutes, Donna Hill moved to accept the minutes as corrected, Lynne Roberts seconded and the motion carried.

Varsie Geisler moved to approve the minutes from the Ministry Review that Larry Dirst had provided, Lynne Roberts seconded and the motion carried.

Jr. Warden – Report attached - Anita Biletzky reviewed the “to do” list and all items had been completed.

Treasurer's report – John Vain reported that our accounts are in good order, although some expenses are higher than budget, but many accounts are below budget due to COVID 19. Next year there will be increases in health care costs, utilities and some other accounts, including utilities.

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

Caregivers – Lynne Roberts reported that the Caregivers committee was busy checking in on shut-ins and older members who are alone. Oak Crest has had one more resident test positive in the health care unit. They are trying to check on Beth Krogman. The County nursing home has one new case, and Opportunity House also has new cases. The isolation has been very difficult for those who have not seen their families in months.

Outreach – Lynne Roberts reported that the Outreach committee continues to provide one meal a month to Hope Haven.

The Crop Walk total to date is \$18,655.00, and St. Peter's raised \$2,225.00.

Shoebox ministry – The shoeboxes are available in Waterman Hall, with instructions for packing the boxes. There is also an online version this year to shop on line for those who are unable to shop in person. The cost is \$25.00.

Feed My Starving Children – This year the packing will be in Aurora. They are asking for groups to sign up with 3-5 people who will work together and not socially distanced. Information will be in the November Morning Star.

Rector report: Fr. Georges reported that the Confirmation class was completed and 11 people will be confirmed and one will be received. The class would like to wait until the new Bishop comes here for the confirmation and reception. They would like to have it at St. Peter's, their church.

Old Business

Ministry Review - A discussion ensued regarding growing the church and looking for new members. Anita Biletzky requested that monthly reports be given to the vestry from the Growth committee. The committee has not been meeting due to the pandemic. Fr. Georges reported that he will be restructuring the Growth committee. He reported that although there are 12 people on the committee, only 2-3 attend the meetings. John Boies stated that although there is not a lot they can do during the pandemic, this would be a good time to develop action items for the goals set. Fr. Georges has been talking to other clergy about their children's program.

An article will be put in the Morning Star to find people interested in the Growth committee. The Growth committee should be part of every vestry meeting.

Campus repair – John Vain reported that the work on the Nolan house, the Wetzel house, and the Rectory has been completed. Waterman Hall roofing should be started next week. The work had been stopped as it was discovered that there was more work to be done than anticipated, therefore, a new estimate needed to be sent to the insurance company for approval. It has been approved, but we are awaiting the check.

Stewardship – Anita Biletzky reported that the Stewardship letter has been sent out, and a follow-up letter will be sent. John Vain reported that we have received 15 pledges to date.

Bishop candidates – John Vain reported that four semi finalists have been selected and shared a little about each candidate.

John Vain moved that the meeting be adjourned, Liane seconded and after a prayer by Deacon Dee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy LaPorta
Vestry Clerk