

Vestry Minutes
September 30th, 2021

Members present via Zoom, Ferrell Katzenburger, Ed Henneke and Maggie Hart. In person Walt Peake, TaMara Oertel, Becky Bennett, Jan Bugbee, Barb Mannor and Elizabeth Jordan.

Fr. Don called the meeting to order and a prayer reflection was given by Jan Bugbee.

Fr. Don took a few minutes to explain how the Vestry web-page works and how to use it.

It was moved by by Jan with support from Ferrell to accept the minutes of 7/22/21 motion carried

It was moved by Ed with support from Walt to accept the minutes of the August Vestry meeting. Maggie corrected that the amount approved for Art Walk should read \$1500. And not \$1300. Motion carried.

Finance report and discussion. We should have a draft budget for 2022 at our October meeting. There are some changes coming to the Barth Trusts that require us to establish worthy causes for the extra money to be received in 2022, a discussion of possibilities followed.

It was moved by Barb with support from Elizabeth to receive the Financial report. Motion carried.

Barb Mannor suggested we change the practice of having all Vestry members receive information about weekly bills. It was decided that only the Finance Committee members will continue to receive this information and approve costs.

Walt and Barb will be looking into a tele-care program by TENS and reporting back to the Vestry.

It was suggested that at our Annual Meeting we request a waiver that allows Barb Mannor and Becky Bennett staying on as Wardens another year for continuity during our time of transition. One member will retire and 3 will be elected.

It was moved by Barb with support from Becky to accept Heather Barta's contract. \$500 toward her fee and \$112 for mileage. Motion carried. The remaining \$500 of her fee will be paid by the Diocese.

It was moved by Barb with support from Ed that the Vestry apologize for not taking action on or before the December 2020 meeting, as required by Diocesan policy, setting a housing allowance line item for Rev. Dan Scheid at \$15,000. Thereby we do set the housing amount for Rev. Dan Scheid as stated, retroactive as much as we have authority to do so. Motion carried

Barb moved with support from Walt to accept the final proposal from Partners for Sacred Spaces and sign the agreement for their services for a fee of \$10,000. To be taken from the John Sargis memorial gift fund.

Motion carried

Barb moved with support from Ed to accept the final proposal from University of Michigan archive department for direction as to which documents to store in their facility, done with the direction of Walt Peake. Additionally to agree to the \$100. yearly fee for services.
Motion carried.

Vestry Retreat is October 28th.

The speaker in the front of the Sanctuary has been repaired. A representative from Bornor did a walk through with Becky observing places we have leaks, most especially the one in the balcony. A bid is expected soon.

As per Fr. Don's report he will be looking to hire a part time administrative assistant.

The printer in the Rector's office needs to be replaced. It was moved by Ed and supported by Maggie to replace the copier at no more than \$500. Motion carried.

Discussion about current computers and updating them in the near future.

Our switch over to Comcast is on track to be operational in October, possibly later.

Fr. Don wants to do an inventory of technology items we have in storage at the church.

It was moved by Barb with a second from Jan that all reports from this meeting be received. Motion carried.

Delegates to the 27th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Eastern and Western MI have reserved spots for the meeting in Lansing.

Stewardship reported progress on this year's campaign. Things are moving forward in a timely manner. October 10th is Stewardship Sunday.

It was moved by Jan with support from Becky to approve the removal of Alan Michael's cremains from our Columbarium, as per the family's wishes. Motion carried.

Every Tuesday lunches will continue with bag lunches. With Covid and an especially at risk population of guests this is the safest way at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
TaMara Oertel