

Vestry Meeting
Thursday, November 17, 2022
St. James Undercroft

Present:

Eric Blake, Sr. Warden, Vickie MacLaine, Jr. Warden, Susan Benson, Beth Burton, Chris Collins, and Tom Tompkins. Also, in attendance were Fr. Robert Willmann, rector Eleanor Bailey, treasurer and Mindy Rush, clerk

Absent: Lee Donoho, Mark Eagleson, Jen Henderson, Linda O'Neill, and Martha Staley

Opening Prayer: Meeting started at 7:05 pm with a prayer lead by Fr. Willmann

Presentation by Janet Stewart:

- Janet Stewart suggested that books be purchased as gifts for the children at the Christmas Eve service. She will order 30 books which will be paid for from the Rector's Discretionary Fund.
- Janet also had a stained glass cross she asked to be hanged in a window in the undercroft.
- Janet provided a handout of all the specialty Sundays in the calendar year and reviewed each and provided her thoughts.
- Janet would also like to see the small palm crosses reestablished.

Approval of Agenda: Eric Blake made a motion to accept the agenda as written. Tom Tompkins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Susan Benson made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Tom Tompkins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report:

- The treasurer's report was reviewed with the following notations –
- The Littick Trust fund check was more than anticipated.
- The Endowment will be close to the same as last year.
- ***Susan Benson made a motion to move \$4000.00 from the Edward Jones Altar Guild investment fund to the restricted fund of the Altar Guild. Eric Blake seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

Tom Tompkins made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as written. Susan Benson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business:

- The Vestry nominating committee submitted the candidates for vestry seats.
 - Eric Blake, Sr. Warden
 - Vickie MacLaine, Jr. Warden
 - Susan Benson, Barbara Murrell, and Carol Thompson for the three-year seats.
- A discussion occurred regarding the interior appearance of St. James and St. James House. Fr. Rob Willmann has been provided lists of concerns and will continue to address these with the sexton.
- ***Yearly House Keeping Motions:***
 - ***Tom Tompkins made a motion to set Fr. Willmann's housing allowance for the year 2023 at \$70,000.00. Eric Blake seconded the motion. Motion Carried***

- *Eric Blake made a motion to accept the following tellers for the year 2023. Carol Thompson, Barbara Saunders, Beth Burton, Kathy Shesky, Linda O’Neill, Eleanor Bailey, Susan Benson, and Dianne Ischy. Beth Burton seconded the motion. Motion carried.*
- *Eric Blake made a motion to approve Eleanor Bailey, Barbara Saunders, and Susan Benson to sign St James checks for the year of 2023. Tom Tompkins seconded the motion. Motion carried.*
- *Beth Burton made a motion to authorize the use of the St. James debit card by Fr. Willmann, rector, Eric Blake, Sr. Warden, Vickie MacLaine, Jr. Warden, Susan Benson, Friendship Dinner, Janice Blake, Friendship Dinner and Mindy Rush, administrator. Chris Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried.*
- A summary report of any email voting, including the motion must be sent to the office for inclusion in the vestry recording.
- Prayer Warriors are Mindy Rush, Linda O’Neill, Jen Henderson, and members of the Daughters of the King. A prayer will be developed by the vestry for the growth of St. James.

Rector’s Report

The Rector’s Report written was reviewed with Fr. Willmann highlighting several points.

Senior Warden:

The Senior Warden’s written report was reviewed with no additional comments.

Junior Warden:

The Junior Warden’s report was reviewed by Vickie MacLaine

Committee Reports:

Loads of Love – the initial outing was a success with supplies, quarters, and if needed, instructions were given. Total cost for the day was \$228.00 and was provided by an anonymous donor.

Pearl House – Immanuel Church wanted to provide a pizza/pop day weekly but has found that additional help is needed. No action on this was taken by the vestry.

Transitions – This committee is working toward finding a meeting date but continues to accept donations of books and toys for kids.

Old Business:

The vestry nominating committee had previously indicated how difficult it is to find parishioners willing to serve. It was suggested that the Articles and Regulations be reviewed to reflect a more accurate portrayal of vestry members regarding parish size.

Adjourn:

Beth Burton made a motion for adjournment at 8:50pm. Susan Benson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

*Respectfully Submitted by
Mindy Rush, Vestry Clerk*