

October 17, 2017
Vestry Meeting
Grace Episcopal Church
6:30pm

Present – Rev. Johanna Marcure, Sabrina Coleman, John Auwaerter, Dan Bilow, Judith Brooks, Rosa Clark, Mike Hungerford and Damon Gilstrap (Excused – Terri Jennings, Chuck Vanderpool)

Rev. Johanna opened the meeting at 6:05 pm with a prayer.

Due to the death of Terri Jennings's brother-in-law, the September 21, 2017 Vestry Minutes and the Minutes from the Special Vestry Meeting held on September 26, 2017 will be reviewed and approved at the November 21, 2017 Vestry Meeting.

The Finance Report was given by Margaret Ryniker and unanimously approved for audit.

Property Committee Report was given by John Auwaerter:

- Rectory porch repairs underway.
- Met today with Randy & Beth Crawford to get an update on the upcoming tower and parish house work.
- Kitchen freezer issues are being addressed by Chuck Vanderpool.
- There was discussion of miscellaneous items on the property committee report.

Sustainability Report was given by Judith Brooks:

- CMM having 2 concerts monthly.
- Syracuse Community Choir here 3 Wednesday's per month.
- There was discussion regarding proposed New Year's Eve party. The vestry committed to working to develop a policy around alcohol use and the hours the facility is available for rental.

A verbal report regarding the Food Pantry was offered by Rosa Clark:

- No report this month except client families are trending up in size and numbers of families.

Sabrina Coleman offered a report regarding Wednesday Suppers:

- Emilie Maierhofer has agreed to step in as facilitator/coordinator.
- Vestry unanimously approved funds to support Wednesday Supper ministry. Will explore writing a Five Marks of Mission Block Grant to support the ministry next year.
- Expenses will be tracked through the end of the year to base budget on.
- The Wednesday Supper ministry will reimburse individual expenses.
- The vestry unanimously approved renaming the Pew Cushions account to Sunday Fellowship account.
- The vestry unanimously approved moving \$1,000 from Emergency Reserve fund to Wednesday dinners. People may request funds to purchase food for the suppers.

Rev. Johanna offered a verbal report regarding The Grace Project.

- Sarah Reks has agreed to write a report for the November vestry meeting detailing the status of the ministry.

Other:

- The vestry unanimously approved reserving funds beyond tower repair budget and front porch repairs amounts for other items until new rector is on board.
- Rev. Johanna Marcure to offer her resignation from EGRA & University Hill Boards, seeking names of individuals who might step in until a new rector is called.
- The vestry regretfully accepted Sabrina Coleman's resignation as Junior Warden effectively immediately. Sabrina will remain on the vestry filling the seat left vacant by Stacey Balduf.
- Discussion about prospective individuals who might be interested in stepping in as Junior and Senior Wardens.
- Judith Brooks relayed information from Canon Carrie regarding the Search Process to the vestry.
- Canon Carrie will preside and preach at Grace on November 19, 2017.
- Canon Carrie will attend the November 21, 2017 vestry meeting.

The next vestry meeting will be held November 14, 2017 at 6:00 pm to discuss next steps.

Rev. Johanna ended the meeting with prayer at 8:30 pm.