**St. Brendan the Navigator**

**Minutes of the Vestry Meeting**

**February 12, 2019**

Present: Lis Ingoldsby, Josephine Jacob, Barbara Kourajian, and Tom van Buren. Miriam Antich, Pete Dane, and Meg Graham were present by video conferencing.

Senior Warden Lis Ingoldsby called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. Jo read *A Prayer attributed to St. Francis* for the opening prayer.

**Review and Acceptance of the Minutes from the January 16th and 31st Meetings**

Pete moved to accept the Minutes of the January 16th and 31st meetings; Jo seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Pete said the Parochial Report has been prepared. It is a transcription of the financial report adding in the allocation of our surplus from 2018. Pete moved we accept the Parochial Report; Barbara seconded the motion. The motion passed. A hard copy of the report will be filed in the office.

The January financials were not available for our review.

**Ministry Updates**

Building & Grounds: Meg submitted a written report to the Vestry. She commented that several small projects in 2018 could be turned into something larger (the side garden and the altar steps). She said we need to get estimates as soon as possible for the south wall. Their committee will address: 1) the notion of a formal policy that we don’t use parishioners for projects, and 2) revisiting the general policy of using only contractors from Deer Isle. Pete suggested the committee articulate what it wants in writing and then run it by Vestry.

Outreach Ministry: Tom reported the Outreach Ministry met on February 7th. The committee continues to discuss the question of donations to causes and projects on the island. There is a sense this should be better defined and donations should go to organizations/projects the congregation values. They are still considering their priorities going forward. Three projects were mentioned where our congregation could be a resource:

* Mentoring in the schools – Vestry suggested this could include SAT prep or some type of summer offering
* Involvement with Community Compass
* WindowDressers

They talked about events and projects in the building. Vestry wants to encourage this as a function of Outreach. The committee continues to discuss this idea.

Outreach will meet again on March 14th to determine their top three choices of what they want to support. This recommendation will be brought forward to the Vestry.

Music Ministry: Mickey Jacoba’s written report mentioned the various lay-led services the committee has planned. Lis gave special kudos to the Ministry for the lay-led February 3 service celebrating The Presentation of our Lord/Candlemas. A lay-lead service around music was suggested. Pete will bring this up with the Worship & Music Ministry.

Miriam mentioned the information on the website for our ministries needs to be updated, as this will be important during the search process (a church’s website is now serving as the congregational “profile”). The Pastoral Care, Outreach, Worship & Music, and Education and Spiritual Development Ministries should all be listed.

**Supply Priests**

Barbara presented information on the possibility of a guest supply priest in September. Wediscussed this and Barbara will be in contact with him to work out the details.

**Search Committee Update**

Barbara reported the Committee met on February 6th and will meet again on February 20th. Their first priority is to set a date for Michael Ambler’s visit to St. Brendan’s to introduce the search process.

**Other Business**

Steve Hayward will be leading a discussion on the “Reclaiming Jesus in the Time of Crisis” document after church on March 10th.

Our next Vestry meeting will be Wednesday, March 20th at 2 p.m.

We closed the meeting by reading the Prayer of St. Brendan together. The meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Barbara Kourajian,

Clerk