**St. Brendan the Navigator**

**Minutes of the Vestry Meeting**

**June 11, 2019**

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

Senior Warden Lis Ingoldsby called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. Miriam led us in reading the Prayer for the Search Process.

**Review and Acceptance of the Minutes from the May 21st Meeting**

Pete moved to accept the Minutes of the May 21st meeting; Miriam seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Pete reported there was nothing remarkable about the May financials. He noted we are probably $25,000 better than at this time last year. Tom asked for clarification on the money for Outreach listed under Long Term Liabilities. There is $3,375.56 in the “Restricted Funds – Outreach” fund and the “Fund - Community Meal carryover” now stands at $2,329.94. Tom asked if there are stipulations on these funds. Pete and Carolyn Mor will give Tom the details. Thanks were expressed to Pete and Carolyn for preparing these monthly reports.

**Ministry Updates**

Building & Grounds

* Update on Costs -- Consolidated Communications vs Spectrum Costs: Jo

reported Consolidated Communications has a three year plan at $113/month which includes two lines, internet, and a care plan. Pete moved we discontinue coverage with Spectrum and enroll in this new plan with Consolidated; Jo seconded the motion. The motion passed.

* Update on Handicapped Access Jo had a conversation with someone at the

nursing home about their door and she is waiting to hear back from Skip Eaton on the paving. Tom raised the question about a ramp to the front door. This was eliminated earlier because of cost. We believe the plans still exist. Jo and Meg will follow up on this.

* Update on Spring Clean-Up: Jo is compiling a list of projects to be completed

this Saturday, June 15th beginning at 9:15 a.m.

* Stove in the basement: Skip Greenlaw asked the Vestry if we could give the

spare stove in the basement to a client of Linda Shephard’s whose stove just expired. We agreed this was fine. Skip will make sure it is functional and will have it moved and installed.

* Front steps: Meg commented that Buildings & Grounds has discussed some

ideas on what they might do with the front, but there is no definite plan at this point. We agreed the steps will be painted and B & G will determine if the ramp should be moved.

Outreach

The first Outreach Community Discussion on June 9th, which focused on Restorative Justice and Volunteers for Hancock Jail Residents, was very successful. The next discussion on June 23rd will focus on homelessness and poverty with Tracey Hair of H.O.M.E. as speaker. Outreach would like to have more of these community conversations in the future. Lis shared information on a church in Lakewood, Ohio that built a new parish hall and then asked the community to make it their own. It was an example of a church not limiting their building to church-related usage, but rather inviting its neighbors to approach the building with their own ideas.

At its last meeting, Outreach agreed to pay the artists’ fees for the Celtic Poetry and Music event on July 17th. A free-will offering will be taken; any extra amount after fees are paid will go to the Outreach budget.

Tom felt there is consensus that Outreach prefers to have a separate committee handle programming. For now, the Vestry will assume this role. We will need to budget for programming in the future. The next Outreach meeting will be June 27th at 3 p.m.

WindowDressers: The committee needs to meet to set a date for the build.

Worship & Music

Barbara reported we have supply priests scheduled through the end of September. She is starting to work on the schedule for the remainder of the fall. She noted we have a reduced number of priests on our supply list due to the fact several have taken positions at other churches.

Miriam will contact Patricia Donahue about securing lodging for Richard Mallory in late August and September. She will ask Patricia to follow-up with Richard on his educational offering during his time with us.

Pastoral Care

The cards parishioners are receiving are a big hit! Miriam commented the ministry is functional but could use more organization. She said the important things are happening. Lis asked if we might need a “show and tell” on several Sundays highlighting the work of our ministries.

**Nominating Committee Report**

Pete reported the committee will be meeting this month once everyone is on island. Members of the committee are Ann Tarlton, Judy Miller, Jackie Wilson, and Pete Dane.

**Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting will be July 28th. We need to solicit reports from each ministry for the Annual Report. Miriam suggested we start the Stewardship Campaign right after the Annual Meeting. We appointed Miriam and Pete to the Stewardship Committee. They will recruit a third person.

**Search Committee Update**

Barbara reported the Search Committee has completed its work on the OTM Portfolio and is waiting for Michael Ambler to list the job on the Diocesan website. The Search page on the website now includes a Letter to the Candidate, our OTM portfolio, and information on Deer Isle.

**Personnel Committee Report**

Lis sent a letter to the Bangor AGO (American Guild of Organists) Chapter for

information on compensation for musicians. She hasn’t received a response.

We discussed summer office hours and soliciting volunteers so the building could be open. This was tabled until next meeting. We will also revisit the Office Manager position at the next meeting.

**Other Business**

* Hall Rentals:

\* July 11th Peace and Justice program on Crimea

\* Norm Leadbetter kitchen rental (44 North) – several evenings weekly plus

storage/refrigeration needs

\* Late August – an opportunity to host the Holy Trinity Music School (Port-au-

Prince, Haiti) for a concert

* Children’s area in the Parish Hall: We discussed the need for a children’s corner. Miriam has contacted Linda Shepard about this area.

Our next Vestry meeting will be Thursday, July 11th at 1:30 p.m. Our August meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, August 13th at 10 a.m.

We closed the meeting by reading the Prayer of St. Brendan together. The meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Barbara Kourajian,

Clerk