



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Vestry Minutes –December 19, 2018 – 6:00 pm

Members Present

Attendees included: Jim Lukas (Senior Warden), Jeff Zabor (Junior Warden), Carol Toft (Clerk), Kathy Biggerstaff, Judy Robel, Barb Moriarty, the Rev. Lori Lowe (Rector), Lisa Strandberg (Administrative Assistant), and Charles Sterbis.

Absent: Bill Lang (Treasurer)

The Rector called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. with an opening prayer. The Rector and Vestry reflected on two things – When was our best Christmas, and what was the best Christmas present we've received?

Approval of Minutes

Jim moved to approve the November minutes. Kathy seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report & Financials

The Treasurer's reports for November were reviewed. There was a question concerning “\$1800 was pulled from the Memorial Fund.” An explanation will be determined. Jeff moved to receive the reports. Kathy seconded. The motion passed.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

- A repair was made to the narthex thermostat.
- “Dusk to Dawn” nightlights were installed in the restrooms, both of which now have automatic on/off switches.
- The Rector will look into tax-exempt details for the proposed purchase of the snow plow blade. Jeff will draw up a contract for snowplowing.
- Parish Hall reservations need to be publicized.
- Rotary Club of McHenry may meet at St. Paul's on Thursdays in January and February 2019.

PARISH LIFE

Vestry Nominations

Charles Sterbis will be nominated for a three-year term. Kim Morris resigned with the remainder of her two-year term to be filled. There is no nomination for Junior Warden yet. Another three-year position needs to be filled as well.

Annual Parish Meeting

This is set for Sunday, January 20th, beginning with a covered dish luncheon. Discussions will include what St. Paul's has accomplished, and what we want to do moving forward. The Rector met with Bishop Lee to discuss the three McHenry County churches and the future of St. Paul's. The three churches will meet after the new year. The Rector will report on these meetings at the Annual Meeting.

MINISTRIES

The Welcome Committee is exploring renting a labyrinth for St. Paul's. It would be advertised and made available to the community during specified hours. Charles will talk with Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Rockford for information. Several options are being considered.

WARDENS' REPORTS

Jim and the Welcome Committee will meet on January 6th to discuss possible events, such as a clothing drive, murder mystery dinner, and the labyrinth.

Jeff would like to dedicate a community garden in memory of Charlie Boak. He will speak with the outreach team.

RECTOR'S REPORT

- The Rector reported on pastoral concerns.
- The Rector will discuss the 2019 Diocese pledge amount with the Finance Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was brought before the vestry. The next vestry meeting will be Wednesday, January 16th at 6:30 pm.

CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m. with our closing prayer for St. Paul's.

Recorded by Lisa Strandberg, Parish Administrator

Respectfully submitted, Carol Toft, Clerk of the Vestry