

## Vestry meeting May 14, 2023, minutes

Mth Darlene opened the meeting at 12:15 with a discussion of the book “Walk in Love” which had been put in each member’s mail box. However, no note of the purpose of the book had been included so most had not read the book. For June vestry meeting, vestry is to read to end of chapter twelve.

Attendance: Mth Darlene Kuhn, Tim French, Mary White, Marilee Roth, Judy Joseph, Kris Veldheer, Peggy Lefevre, Barbara Ryan, and guests Jan Anderson and Phyllis Norris.

Mth Darlene discussed that vestry members need to share with other vestry members our beliefs and pray together. She then prayed and all read the vestry Covenant.

The group congratulated Kris on receiving her Doctorate of Ministry degree. She is currently a clergy in the Reformed Church but is transitioning to the Episcopal Church and doing her field work at Mediator.

As this meeting was the first meeting for the new Senior warden, each member introduced themselves and gave some background ... church history, occupation, etc.

Peggy gave the treasurer’s report. She uses a computer program called “church windows” so no profit and loss, etc., shown but church expenses, assets, pledging units included. There are 47 pledging units, actual signed pledge cards. Discussed various items on financial report. Currently in good shape.

Linda Anderson has organized the Fall Fling the past four years but wants someone else to take over the organization. She is willing to continue to sponsor the event at Chikaming Country Club.

Jr. Warden report, Marilee, discussed the stone repair needed at the northwest corner of the building, stone was not properly sealed when installed. The fire suppression system fluid will be changed tomorrow, Monday May 15<sup>th</sup>. It is required to be changed after a certain number of years.

Phyllis discussed concern for possibility of an active gun shooter entering building during the service and proposed that someone be stationed at both the front doors and bell tower door during service. A discussion was held of whether they would be able to give enough warning. It was proposed that the ushers sit immediately outside the sanctuary doors during the service where they would be able to see both entrances, have enough time to give a warning, and yet be able to attend the service. No decision was made. Candice will notify the Chikaming police of the two special Sundays coming up, gun violence Sunday and gay pride Sunday.

Mick Lantis agreed to be chairman of the ushers but does not want to chair the building and grounds.

A motion was made by Barbara and seconded by Tim to approve the reports as given.

Vestry goals ... at the June meeting the vestry will discuss their goals for the year.

We will share a table at Pride Fest with the other four Episcopal churches in the area.

The French Market will be June 10<sup>th</sup>. Marilee will ask Candice to put in the Beacher as well as New Buffalo Times and Harbor County News

Stewardship will start August 13 with watermelon Sunday. July vestry will put together a package. The ingathering will be at the church picnic Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mth Darlene, Marilee, and Jennifer will attend the Diocesan Convention.

We have three teens graduating from high school this spring, Bean Craig, Jack Francis, and Olivia Paturalski. Judy Joseph will contact them to arrange a time to honor them in church.

Several items under new business were not discussed due to time restraints. Barbara added items she would like added, not pass collection plate and DOK welcome bag for first time visitors

The meeting ended with prayer at 2:10 p.m.