

Vestry minutes August 20. 2023

The meeting opened at 12:15 without prayer or book study due to the visit of Canon Tracie Little. Attendance: Mth Darlene Kuhn, Tim French, Jennifer Frechette, Mary White, Judy Joseph, Marilee Roth, Peggy Lefebvre, Joanne Sims, Kris Valdheer, Barbara Ryan, Canon Tracie Little.

Peggy gave the treasurer's report. Currently income is above budget. Copier expenses above budget. The building is beginning to show its age and repairs are taking toll on budget. Currently estimate of \$30,000 deficit for year due to repairs. Paul Cromheecke's and Bob Tibbles' memorial money is \$13,000. A long discussion of finances was held.

We have been approached to have a 5G cell tower placed on our church steeple. If accepted would receive \$40,000. yearly rent. All members of vestry agreed to pursue this.

Mth Darlene and Jennifer attended the College for Congregational Development. We were encouraged to reach out to second home owners in our area. Mass mailing do not work but a discussion was held of placing ads in local papers. It was suggested placing ad in Chamber of Commerce material.

Pet blessings will be held October 4th at Michiana Human Society and October 7th at Mediator. Tracie did a pet blessings in a parking lot of her church and some attendees joined the church.

We need five families to purchase and fill backpacks for local families whose names were supplied by Neighbor by Neighbor.

Next meeting September 17th at noon. Meeting closed at 1:40 with prayer by Canon Tracie.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Ryan, Vestry secretary