

## Vestry Minutes January 21, 2024

The meeting open on zoom at 1:00 p.m. with prayer by Mth Darlene. Attendance: Mth Darlene Kuhn, Tim French, Marilee Roth, Judy Joseph, Joanne Sims, Mary White, Alyce Carter, and Barbara Ryan.

The book, "The Church Cracked Open" by Stephanie Spellers, chapter 3, was discussed with emphasis on pages 37 and 38, self- centism, the world revolves around me. Read chapter 4 for February vestry.

In the treasurer's absence Tim discussed the finances. We had income of over \$32,000, in December which exceeded the budgeted amount. The deficit for 2023 was approximately \$6000. instead of the budged amount. We have a balanced budget for 2024 with Mth Darlene working parttime and should be in sound financial shape going forward. Tim suggested Mth Darlene explain reasons for changing to parttime at the annual meeting, allows for balanced budget and more time for her to take care of her health.

The various reports had been sent to the vestry via email. Joanne moved, Mary seconded, approved that reports be accepted

Mth Darlene said Judy is taking training for lay leadership and Marilee will take in May allowing them to perform more duties in services. Marilee moved, Judy seconded, vestry approved the training

The annual meeting will be held February 4<sup>th</sup> immediately after the service. The reports for the meeting will be sent to all email addresses with printed copies for the those not online. The vestry members will remain the same. The convention delegates are Mth Darlene, Tim, Marilee, with Donna Mitchell the alternate. Marilee will coordinate the pot luck lunch with the ECW.

Marilee discussed recognizing certain people for activities and volunteerism at Mediator. Mth Darlene will commission the vestry at the annual meeting. The musicians will be recognized March 13, outreach coordinator Linda Anderson April 17, lay readers another Sunday in March. Discussed being careful to not ignore anyone.

New directory being polished by David Lewis and office administrator Candice.

Church closing policy was discussed. Mth Darlene will make decision in coordination with the wardens, publish to all via the internet, post to Facebook, and call those without internet access. Babara suggested she also talk to Judy about the road conditions since Judy lives at the southern end of our attendance area. Seven people attended January 7<sup>th</sup> with seventeen on zoom when church closed January 14<sup>th</sup>.

Marilee discussed the vestry goals:

- Financial stability with emphasis on mission

- Mth Darlene to parttime to help with financial stability

- Good stewardship of building and grounds

Focus on growth

Integrate with juncture of the two dioceses – how we will function in new diocese

Outreach

Mth Darlene closed with prayer at 2:03 p.m.

Respectively submitted, Barbara Ryan, vestry secretary