

Vestry minutes March 17, 2024

The meeting began at 1:05 on zoom. Attendance Mth Darlene Kuhn, Marilee Roth, Mary White, Judy Joseph, Warden Tim French, Joanne Sims, Barbara Ryan.

Treasurer's report, read by Tim in Peggy Lefebvre's absence, currently behind probably due to closure for snow in January. Music budget \$2350., February expenses music license, sheet music, guest organist. Donna Mitchell said \$1000. grant to be split with art attack expenses, with music to receive \$500. and art \$500. Marilee discussed art attack expenses. Donations: \$500. to Neighbor by Neighbor, Barbara moved, Judy seconded, passed, to be sent now. Interfaith Action \$500. Mary moved, Judy seconded, passed. Miscellaneous donations: sponsor Harbor Country pride and Outreach Center Benton Harbor \$250. each. Marilee moved, Mary second, passed to give to Harbor Country Pride now and wait on donation to Outreach Center. Peggy sent the January and February financial reports, Mary moved, Tim seconded, passed, approved.

Stations of the cross – see article in March 3<sup>rd</sup> newsletter, currently temporarily displayed, came from Church of the Mediator, Chicago. Discussed placing permanently on the walls in the sanctuary.

Tim discussed possibility of new electronic sign in front of church, \$13,000 to \$15,000. He is researching the possibility.

The minutes from the January vestry meeting and the February annual meeting, there was no February vestry meeting, and January and February clergy reports were approved, Barbara moved, Judy seconded, passed to accept all reports.

There was no old business.

New business: There was a diocesan convention March 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss forming one diocese combining the current Eastern and Western dioceses. 85% of Eastern delegates and 84% of Western delegates approved merger. The merger needs to be approved at the General Convention in June in Louisville. If approved there will be a combined meeting October 1<sup>st</sup>. Once combined the diocese will search for a new bishop, current bishop is only provisionary. The new name will be The Episcopal Diocese of the Great Lakes.

Linda Anderson and Mike Lantis attended a county meeting on sustainable housing. Linda will attend the April vestry to discuss.

Holy week schedule: Maundy Thursday 5:30 at Mediator; Good Friday noon lead by Rev. Pike; Saturday Mediator will host the Easter Vigil for the three churches ... Mediator, St. Paul's. and St. Augustine's with Mth Karen Kelly, Kris Veldheer giving sermon, and Mth Darlene celebrant. Easter Sunday Mth Darlene will celebrate and give sermon. Tom Fish will play the organ Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Easter vigil, and Easter Sunday for \$150. each.

Joanne discussed possibility of more expenses for outside of church including new drain piping.

Red Arrow Highway in front of church to be paved.

The French Market will be held July 6<sup>th</sup>. Ruth Merrifield, Marilee Roth, Jeannine Totske, and Jo Lynn Haley will be in charge.

The book, "The Church Cracked open" by Stephanie Spellers chapter 4 was discussed. The book full fills the anti racism training requirement. Chapter five will be discussed at the April vestry meeting.

The meeting ended with prayer by Mth Darlene at 2:40. The April vestry meeting will be in person at the church.

Respectively submitted,  
Barbara Ryan, secretary