

VESTRY MEETING MINUTES
January 17, 2024

Present: Senior Warden, Jill Gray
Vestry Clerk, Rebecca Stewart
Jenny Loyd
Dee Farris
Bryon Newton
Sally Sturges

Also Present: Mother Kitty Shield
Jessie Kate Buck

Absent:

MINUTES – Motion was made and seconded to approve the November 8, 2023, meeting minutes, as presented. Motion carried. Motion was made and seconded to approve the December 20, 2023, meeting minutes, as presented. Motion carried with Rebecca abstaining.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Jessie Kate Buck provided the Treasurer’s report. She noted that the account balances showing negative are because 2024 pledges are not set up yet. What appears to be a duplicate payroll for September 2023 is just the way she was advised by QuickBooks to reconcile and clear that payroll from the system. Both the Vanguard and Schwab accounts were up in Q4 and year-over-year. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer’s report as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made to sell \$50,000 from Vanguard and transfer those funds to the Schwab cash account so they can be used to supplement the checking account when needed to pay bills. There was a second and the motion carried.

A motion was made to set a \$5,000 limit on funds that can be cashed out of any investment account and transferred to the cash account without a vote of the Vestry. There was a second and the motion passed with Dee voting no.

NEW BUSINESS – Senior Warden Jill reported on the interview with Deacon Diane. She will be at Epiphany on Sunday, January 21st to celebrate the Eucharist. The renters in both houses have been notified that she is being seriously considered to fill our pastoral vacancy.

Mother Kitty will notify Canon Patrick that a majority of our vestry will be absent on January 28 so our annual meeting will be held on February 11, 2024. She will ask him to obtain permission from the Bishop for this date as it is beyond the January 31 date expected for annual meetings.

Bishop Kathleen will be at Epiphany to celebrate Good Friday. Services will be held at noon. This will be placed in the paper’s community Easter service announcement.

A motion was made and seconded to donate \$100 to the After Prom committee. There was a second and the motion carried.

There will be no Ash Wednesday services.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the bid from Clark Lawn Care for the 2024 treatment schedule. There was a second and the motion carried with Bryon Newton and Jenny Loyd voting no.

The carpet in the priests office has been removed and Caney Sheet Metal has been contacted to remove the heating unit so the floor underneath it can be inspected. Decisions regarding refinishing the hardwoods or putting down new carpet will be made after the floor can be fully inspected.

OLD BUSINESS – The 50 blankets that Jenny purchased have all been taken. There is a need for throws rather than blankets. They can be purchased for approximately \$10 at Costco. Motion was made and seconded to buy 25 throws. Motion carried.

REPORTS, DISCUSSION OR ANNOUNCEMENTS – There was discussion on the bylaws and the need to update them. Mother Kitty is going to see if there is a template at the Diocese that the Vestry can use. No action was taken.

There was discussion about the number of Vestry members and who should be coming off in December. No action was taken.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.