**January Vestry Meeting Minutes**

1/27/24

**In attendance:**

Richard Elliott, Dan Patterson, Jon McLamb, Dan Knight, Jim Grice, Jonathan Barbour, Mark Arcuri, Frances Goodman, Tina Poisson, Stewart Buss, Mark Matheny, Anna Richardson Smith

**Call to Order**

**Devotion**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Treasurer’s Report:**

99 pledges have come in; Frances will prompt non-pledgers again

Discussion of accounts, expenses, and budget expectations; *moved and agreed* to allocate from our surplus, $25,000 to Buildings and Grounds, and $52,732 to Operating Reserves

*Moved and agreed* to commit to 2 years with current website company (Learning Forte) (results in halving transition expense for improvements company is engaging)

*Moved and agreed* to proposed budget

*Moved and agreed* to purchase 2 cemetery plots from current owner who will not be using them, for up to $6000

**Senior Warden’s Report:**

Oyster Roast upcoming (Jonathan Barbour suggests considering as a fundraiser for Outreach next year, increasing ticket price)

Will contact Vestry members individually for discussion re: transition

Seeking a clerk, if anyone is interested

**Junior Warden’s Report:**

Quote of up to $5000 to repair high stucco on belfry (this will include equipment rental to get up that high); moved and agree to take up to $5000 from Building and Grounds Reserves to pay

*Moved and agreed* to allocate $1000 for labor to replace window on which seal has failed (window itself is under warranty)

Update on grounds maintenance; we are with a new Company, so far so good

Dumpster now has a fence around it (same donor who paid for additional landscaping before Centennial)

Some electrical work recently completed

**Rector’s Report:**

Provides everyone a copy of the Diocesan Manual for Transitions

*Moved and agreed* to approve Richard Elliott’s retirement effective May 1, 2024 for pension purposes (May 5 will be his last Sunday; the Centennial is the week before that)

Richard clarifies that, when he leaves, he’ll not be able stay connected to us in a pastoral or other leadership manner; he can be invited back by the ecclesiastical authority to do weddings/funerals; in the first few weeks, can call him for help, if hanging chads remain

**New Business**

Discussion of aligning with ministries

**Old Business**

None

***Moved and agreed*** *to adjourn*

**Prayer**