

St. Aidan's Vestry Meeting March 27, 2022

St. Aidan's Vestry meeting was called to order at 10:40 am.

In attendance: Reverend Lynn Rutledge, Suzie O'Clair, Stephen Wiggin, Wayne Peters, Rob French, Ann O'Brien, Anne McGhie

Members missing: Joanne Jacob

Parishioners in attendance: Gail Peters, Jackie O'Clair (last half of meeting)

Reverend Rutledge opened with a prayer.

Rector's Comments:

Lynn+ is planning a vacation from 4/18 - 4/25/22.

April services include; Morning Prayer 4/3, Palm Sunday with procession and passion at St. Aidan's 4/10, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services TBA, for Easter Sunday 4/17 Anne Stanley+ will join us as Lynn+ will be at Christ Church. On 4/24 we will have Morning Prayer.

Lynn+ thanked Suzie for cleaning out all basement cabinets and drawers, now that we have eradicated all mice.

Minutes of February 27th meeting:

Wayne moved that we accept the February 27, 2022 minutes without change. Rob seconded, the minutes were accepted unanimously.

Warden's Comments:

Senior Warden's Report - painting has begun in the office and should be done by month's end, work on the Sacristy is planned next.

Junior Warden's Report - Wayne reported that with warmer weather we will stop checking the building's integrity on 4/1/22. Wayne will turn the propane stove to green pilot instead of continuous pilot at that time.

Treasurer's Reports

Rob reported that for February numbers income lagged behind expenses by about \$500.00. We have spent close to 38% of our yearly budget on utilities, and anticipate that this will even out in warmer weather.

Current available funds are close to \$72,000.00 which includes Steve Colhoun's bequest for \$20,000.00 (currently in the capital improvement fund) which will be transferred to the Diocesan Fund.

Base of the Diocesan investment will be \$35,655.00, this will include Steve's bequest and longstanding small accounts which have earned interest over the years.

Suzie moved to accept the financial report for February 2022. Steve seconded. The February financial report was approved unanimously.

Old Business:

Safe Church Training - Lynn+ had previously guided that most Vestry members would need to take one module plus State of Maine training however she has checked and all certificates have expired so Vestry members will need to take the training by the end of the year. Lynn+ will send us more information.

Other International Organizations to donate to - we reviewed a list reviewed and recommended by Suzie of three organizations which are positively reviewed at <https://www.givewell.org/charities/top-charities>.

We also considered World Central Kitchen, recommended by Anne which serves meals to Ukrainian families. More information can be found at <https://wck.org/relief/activation-chefs-for-ukraine>.

Steve mentioned that Episcopal Relief and Development has a specific link to donate to Ukrainians.

Anne suggests that we remain responsive to local/global needs in a time sensitive way.

Suzie shared information on Lutheran World Relief (not on above Givewell website) which supports rural economies and livelihoods as well as humanitarian assistance for places like Ukraine, see <https://lwr.org/>

Gail discussed that other places are in need as well; she recently read about Afghanistan and needs for support which have increased after the US military exit.

Lynn+ asks us to check and consider these websites for our next Vestry meeting.

Undercroft Committee - Lynn+ sent an email to ask for interested volunteers. She has received 5 responses and had requested 3 members. Lynn+ suggests that Gail consider chairing the Undercroft Committee as the project was her idea. Lynn+ also suggests that the committee be comprised of the other 4 interested people including; Anne McGhie, Dale Miller, Lori Schnieders and Jackie O'Clair.

Anne asks about putting money aside for a tree or shrub in the Memorial Garden. Steve so enjoyed the outside and tending the gardens and grounds.

Easter - Easter Sunday is April 17th, and Lynn+ will be serving at Christ Church that day. Anne Stanley+ will serve at St. Aidan's.

Grounds - Steve asked if the plan remains for installation of a concrete step to decrease the height of the bottom step. Wayne will consider this when mud season ends. Rob suggested that raising the height of the parking lot may be another strategy.

New Business:

None

Next Vestry Meeting TBA, Lynn+ will be on vacation on 4/24, and we may plan a Zoom meeting if needed.

Steve moved to adjourn the meeting, Rob seconded and all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.

Reverend Rutledge concluded our meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann O'Brien, Clerk