

Christ Episcopal Church

Pittsford, NY

Vestry Minutes

November 14, 2023

Present: Rev. Julianne Buenting, Patty Sampson-Bouchard, Pat Morrow, Jane Gorsline, Nahoko Kawakyu-O'Connor, Jeremy Brown, Alan Jonason, Richard Smith, Mark Dwyer, Natalie Mai-Dixon

Absent: Daryl Sharp, Michael Kramer

Other: Michael Lehman, Treasurer

Rev Julianne Buenting called the meeting to order at 5:50 with a gathering prayer.

A motion was made by Patty Sampson-Bouchard and seconded by Richard Smith to accept the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Pat Morrow and seconded by Nahoko Kawakyu-O'Connor to accept the minutes of the October 10, 2023 meeting with modest changes. These minutes had been circulated by email. The motion was carried unanimously.

Financial Presentation, Preliminary 2024 Budget, Sale of Organ

Michael Lehmann reviewed the Treasurer's Report. There continues to be a need for a concerted effort to build our pledge base as our revenues have declined and our expenses have continued to increase. We have received approximately 60% of our budgeted amount for pledges. We will exceed the 4% draw this year. A draft budget will be presented to the Vestry in December.

A preliminary 2024 budget was presented to the Vestry along with the 2024 Operating Budget Assumptions. If additional savings are needed, potential savings have been discussed with the staff. There will also be a continued discussion about the Reserve Fund.

People from the Andover Organ Company will be visiting the second week in December. They are representing a church in Austin, Texas.

Status Report on Search Committee

Megan Vaules and Jim Willer have been selected as the two co-chairs to lead the Search Committee. The selection of the members of the committee will soon be completed. It is anticipated that visits from potential candidates will take place in March.

Discussion of Children's Formation Status and Needs

Patty Sampson-Bouchard and Nahoko Kawakyu-O'Connor met with Liz Salamone to discuss her concerns regarding Sunday School. Some concerns are the lack of registration and the lack of volunteers especially for the K-1st grade group. A discussion was held. Ideas including having a more permanent core of teachers, pursuing students from Nazareth University by working with the career office and having the children/youth be a part of the Sunday Service were put forth.

Closing Prayer

Julianne Buenting led the Vestry in the closing prayer.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Jeremy Brown and seconded by Jane Gorsline to adjourn. The motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05.

Kay Marshman, Clerk

Handouts: Agenda, Opening Prayer, Vestry Minutes, Financial Report, 2024 Operating Budget Assumptions, Preliminary 2024 Operating Budget