

Christ Episcopal Church

Pittsford, NY

Vestry Minutes

January 9, 2024

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

Absent:

Other: Michael Lehman, Treasurer

Due to weather, this meeting was held on Zoom.

Rev Julianne Buenting called the meeting to order at 5:49 with a gathering prayer.

A motion was made by Patty Sampson-Bouchard and seconded by Nahoko Kawakyu-O'Connor to accept the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Daryl Sharp and seconded by Jeremy Brown to accept the minutes of the December 12, 2023 minutes. These minutes had been circulated by email. The motion was carried unanimously.

Financial Presentation

Michael Lehman reviewed the Treasurer's Report. For the 2023 year, it looks like we will be close to breaking even at the end of the year. There continues to be a need for a concerted effort to build our pledge base. Currently, there are 138 pledgers totaling \$387,759. The 2024 budget is being built on pledges equaling \$500,000.

A meeting was held on January 7, 2024 between services to alert the congregation to the continuing shortfall in the 2024 budget.

A further discussion was held regarding the difference between the current amount of Pledge money (\$387,759) and the 2024 budgeted amount of \$500,000. It was decided that the 2024 budgeted amount should be reduced to \$438,370.

A motion was made by Pat Morrow and seconded by Richard Smith to reduce the budgeted amount of pledges to \$438,370. The motion passed unanimously.

A further motion was made by Pat Morrow and seconded by Natalie Mai-Dixon to increase the investment draw from 4% to 5.5% and to use the Reserve Fund as needed for expenses of Congregational Development. The motion passed unanimously.

A question was asked regarding our Financing Spending Policy. While it is still considered to be robust, it was decided to have the Financial Committee review the policy and report back to the Vestry.

Children's Chapel Launce January 14, 2024

Rev Julianne Buenting announced that this pilot will begin on January 14th. Patty Sampson-Bouchard indicated that she would very much like to help. The Vestry members are excited about this experience for our younger children.

Upcoming Events

Annual Meeting, January 21st

Bishop Candidates' Meet and Greet January 23 to 27/ Electing Convention Feb. 24th

Parochial Report This report is due March 1st.

Formation: Solemn Communion preparation and Confirmation, Reception or Reaffirmation Preparation to start in Lent. The Solemn Communion is for 1st and 2nd graders following instruction

Final Vestry Meeting

Warden Daryl Sharp thanked Alan Jonason, Mark Dwyer and Jane Gorsline for their service on Vestry particularly during such challenging times

Closing Prayer

Julianne Buenting led the Vestry in the closing prayer.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Nahoko Kawakyu-O'Connor and seconded by Alan Jonason to adjourn. The motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09.

Kay Marshman, Clerk

Handouts: Agenda,

Shown on Zoom: Opening Prayer, Vestry Minutes, Financial Report, Preliminary 2024 Operating Budget