

VESTRY MINUTES
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024

PRESENT: Katie Chipman-Bergsma, Nikki Clark, Ruth Neveu, Cal Woodard; **ABSENT:** Linda Bourque, Bruce Lynn;
GUEST: Pat Galey, Gin Mannisto

1. **Opening:** Katie Chipman-Bergsma opened the meeting at 11:20 a.m. with the vestry prayer.
2. **Review Agenda:** No changes
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Ministry Support Team:** **a.** Pat Galey wanted to give some perspective and to explain some of the duties of the MST. The MST is very much committed to supplying clergy for the services. He has also been studying the philosophy of Detrick Bonnhaff who wrote a book and he wanted to talk about his philosophy. When you look at anyone, we are looking at the image of God. God resides in all people. Pat is also advocating that we all look for news from other areas of the world. From his perspective he looks at the Guardian and the CBC News from Canada. Use your basic Christian principles in any decisions you make in the future. **b.** Katie reported that regarding the Christmas Eve service on December 24th, so far 2-4 has the most votes for a Christmas Eve Service. The decision should be made this coming Wednesday and will be posted in the weekly newsletter. On December 22 Katie, Frank and Maeby and other volunteers will be doing the service which will include Los Posadas. Starting January 2nd they hope to be having services at Freigherview as several of our parishioners are there at this time. All are welcome to attend.
5. **Review/Approval of Vestry Minutes:** **Motion to approve the October minutes was made by Nikki Clark with these corrections – under Committee Reports item B. ECW report – should be We will request an update from Pam Briglio. Also on number 9 Nikkie should be Nikki. Also under seal coating the date should be spring of 2025 not 2024 seconded by Katie Chipman-Bergsma . No opposition or abstentions, motion carried.**
6. **Treasurer’s / Endowment / Budget Approval:** **a.** Bruce Lynn’s financials were sent out this morning. The report was reviewed and discussed. All financial reports will be on file in the office including the Killan accounts, Edward D. Jones Accounts and the spreadsheet with church revenues and expenses. **b.** There was discussion regarding the purchasing of Altar linens in this year’s budget. Questions were brought up regarding bulletin inserts and if they are still worth having due to the expense. Also, discussion regarding the possible purchase cost of an electric candle for the eternal candle.
7. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. Christian Education** – Formation is being held by Brad Pickens with the main focus being on ethics. The youth are working on the bulletin boards in the basement and various other projects.
 - b. ECW Report** – None
 - c. Outreach** – The youth will be working with Susan regarding the funds that have been collected for St. James outreach to Salvation Army and other options. Discussion of doing a food collection prior to Thanksgiving. Cal Woodard agreed to transport items to the Salvation Army. We need to remind folks that they can bring nonperishable’s and or toys to the church that will be sent to the Salvation Army.

8. **Missioners Comment** – a. Discussion of the eternal light. If you have reserve sacrament you have to keep the light on. Eucharistic ministers can use them during the week if needed. Usually the blessed wafers are used up on Maundy Thursday to get rid of the old stale blessed wafers. The only real emergency that would require a previously blessed communion wafer would be when someone is dying and has requested a Eucharistic service. Gin asked if there is a larger patten that can be used to make it easier to take the right number of wafers out to be consecrated. b. Discussion of when the discernment process might start. At this time it looks like it will happen after the start of the year. Discussion of what the timeline might be for having these discussions. Once a week, on a weekend???
9. **Senior Warden's Report**: Discussion of employee Christmas letter.
10. **Junior Warden' Report**: a. Selden Collins will be back on November 26th and hopes to be purchasing and putting up the poinsettias. Greening of the church will be starting November 27 – 29 and Cal Woodard and Dave Cook will do some of the preliminary work. Then the congregation will be doing the rest of the process on the December 8th . Cal Woodard, Hillary Galey, and Selden Collins are planning to bring poinsettia to the members at St. James who are at Freighter View, Medilodge and shut-ins. December 16th is the day they are planning to do this, if others are interested on helping or even just visiting people that would be great. Also, there was discussion regarding Christmas cards made by the youth. Nikki Clark volunteered her class to help with Christmas Cards and it was agreed that would be great. b. Cal has contacted Jamie Trinkle and Ed Castor regarding the winterizing of the church doors, etc. Ed Castor has not yet provided a quote. Cal has done another walk through with Jamie Trinkle and Jamie Trinkle will be giving a quote to us. Regarding the Solar project he has tried to contact Solar Faithful but has not been easy to contact. Therefore it was decided that a letter should be sent to them with all of the questions we have regarding solar power feasibility. c. Dave Cook stepped in to bring attention to the informational sign on the outside of the building next to the side entrance which has not been updated since 2020. Discussion regarding what should be put on the sign. d. Discussion regarding the check signing process currently in place and how it might be changed in the future, if we can make a process that will work for the volunteers and the office.
11. **Old Business**: None
12. **New Business**:
 - a. **Next Vestry Meeting**: Sunday, December 15, 2024.
13. **Adjournment and Closing Prayers**: Motion to adjourn made by Nikki Clark seconded by Katie Chipman-Bergsma. No opposition or abstentions, motion carried. Adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Neveu
Clerk of the Vestry