

St John's Episcopal Church, Sharon, PA

Vestry Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2022

Father Adam opened the meeting with prayer at 7:04 PM.

Minutes of the September meeting were accepted unanimously on the motion of Tracy, seconded by John.

Augie and Father Adam presented financial reports and reported that a \$62000 draw-down from endowment account has not been posted by PNC Bank. Additionally the operating budget is behind by one pay period. A brief discussion of the current investment market ensued. **Treasurer's report** was accepted unanimously on the motion of Madge, seconded by Missy.

Building issues. Father Adam reported that Jay Kabori has accepted the sexton position at 20 hours/week. James Willaman is filling into until Jay can begin. Father Adam will clarify start date with Jay.

Preschool update. Members were provided the St. John's Child Development Center Development Plan and EADS Architectural Proposal prior to the meeting. Key discussion points included:

- Renovation of the basement space at St. John's to accommodate a childcare center would include electrical and HVAC, asbestos remediation, bathrooms and showers. Cost of such renovation is yet unknown but anticipated being upwards of \$200,000.
- Other programs using the current basement space have or will be consulted. The renovations should reflect improved efficiency and access, including a possible walk-in freezer off Allen Hall.
- Dr. April Torrence is serving as the paid consultant on the project through December. Dr. Torrence will draw up the business and start-up plans, and assist with grant submission and talent acquisition.
- A \$25000 grant was received favorably by the City of Sharon. Determination of funding is pending.
- Bishop Sean is abreast of plan and progress and continues to support it.
- A goal of the program is to be self-sufficient when we get it up and running.

Vestry members agreed that the congregation will be provided with the plan and afforded the opportunity to ask questions, seek clarity, and offer feedback.

Motion to accept the EADS proposal and the early childcare program development passed unanimously on the motion of Tracy, seconded by Augie.

Christmas services. Following a discussion of past practice and congregational needs, the Vestry decided to hold one service on Christmas Eve at or around 8 PM, and two service on Christmas morning at 8 AM and 10 AM.

Tracy reported that six representatives from St. John's attended **Becoming Beloved Community** congregational liaison meeting in Erie on 10/1/22. She summarized the meeting and shared the liaisons' recommendation and plan for St. John's:

- Before November 9, Father Adam to offer a sermon on Becoming Beloved Community. On the day of or preceding the sermon, Mary Moro will announce the opportunities for congregational participation.
- Designate a *Becoming Beloved Community* section in the digital and print newsletter, website, and bulletin.
- Kickoff includes 2 options:
 - Pot luck dinner on November 9 and 16 with airing and discussion of *American Creed*.
 - November 12 gathering in lounge after 10 am service for airing and discussion of "Thomas" interview.
- Discussion group to meet regularly after 10 AM service. The collective will decide meeting format and frequency. Laura will speak with Barb about including Beloved Community in her lessons and discussions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM on the motion of Missy, seconded by John. Next meeting is Nov. 7 via Zoom.

Submitted, Tracy Schliep