

# Vestry Meeting Minutes

10-25-22

Hybrid

## Attendance:

Steve Kriechbaum

Kevin Flegal

Maria Caballero

Carolyn Cline

Mother Minerva

## I. Introduction

- Opening Prayer Mother Minerva
- Rounds Mother Minerva
- Focus Mother Minerva

## II. Bible Study Matthew 18: 1-5

Steve Kriechbaum

## III. Adopt minutes

No corrections - Motion to adopt minutes made by Kevin, Steve second the motion, no questions/clarifications, Approved

## IV. Treasures report

Mother Minerva

- Dispersement are higher this month. Finance Committee reviewed and finances looked good
- Keeping an eye on the receipts. Dispersements have leveled off.
- Pledges -

- Encourage and thank folks for keeping up with honoring their pledges

- 17 leaders have submitted their pledge cards, not all leaders attended the party, so they

did not get their bags. They just received bags with pledge cards. Carolyn reported that she

received a letter but pledge card was not included.

- Pledges should finish end of October, but pledges continue to come in through mid

December.

- Encourage people to bring in pledge cards on Sunday, hopefully by All Saints Day

- Pledge cards will be available at the church.

- Put on calendar, encouraging vestry members to attend the next finance committee on

11/15/22 at 7pm - look at budget and place numbers to the budget.

- Approve budget probably in December.

## **V. New Business**

### A. Budget Process

## **VI. Old Business**

· Land/ Possible Park - Met with Bishop, and asked her if we sell the land, who would get the

proceeds of the sale?

- Depends on who paid for the land, or how it was acquired. If the land was donated to the

church, if that is the case a good portion of the proceeds would come to the parish. If this is

the case it may encourage/change how people look at how this land could be used.

- Looking at some dates to start conversations with the congregation on what they would like to see/what the vision they have for the land.

- We need to see something come of that property as it has been sitting dormant for a long time. Most activity for this land is that folks have been upkeeping the land, this land could bare much more fruit than that.

- Need more facts from the diocese of what proceeds the congregation would get, leasing vs. selling. For Church/Congregation cooperation, need to have hard percentage as this would be helpful in making presentation to the congregation.

- Need to have deadlines to schedule some meetings to discuss would be helpful, even if we don't conclude/come to a decision at least the conversations are being started and maybe by

the next annual meeting we can come up with some conclusion.

- Wardens will meet again on 11/09/22, we need to have those answers by that date, that way we can plan for meeting with congregation.

- Goal is to get with neighbors more. A meeting is scheduled for 11/01/22 regarding the

Jamaica to see what can be done the following year to expand

- Look at assistance from diocese regarding the maintenance of the grounds. An example

provided was that we cannot be hospitable if we do not have a working air conditioning

- The bishop is impressed with what St. John's is doing as a congregation - keeping up with

maintenance, reaching out and serving our neighbors, etc.

- Treasurer - Mother Minerva met with the treasurers, next phase is that they need to train

someone else for this job.

- The wardens need to look and see if checks need to be signed (every Sunday)
- Margaret said she will continue to reconcile
- Maria Angie may help with books in the office, she will be trained.
- Need to continue to look for someone to be treasurer at least through the end of the year
- Mother Minerva stated that it seems that it may be time to outsource the work that has been done by volunteers. We have had a lot of folks that have helped, but we may not be able to continue that.
- Minimum is \$200.00, \$80.00 per month for payroll, this \$200.00 would include payroll
- Separate the overlap that is currently occurring, if we cannot find people that can do all of these things. It may be better to outsource, so things can be done right, efficiently and on time. Is the vestry OK in exploring this option? Yes.
- This may require particular system that they can access, this would be done remotely (information that Mother Minerva received from one person she spoke with).
- Mother Minerva spoke with diocese about helping us with the books but have not heard back from them.
- Kevin and Steve have been very supportive of the situation.
- It is important that people need to step aside because they need to take care of themselves. Congregation is strong, finances solid but

we need to be in a position at the end of the year of where we are going.

## **VII. Junior Wardens Report**

Kevin Flegal

- Working on a bunch of things, but nothing to report on tonight.
- Swept sidewalk because acorns cause accidents. May need to look out for that.
- Kevin is doing incredible work, recreating some things from scratch due to company we have worked with in the past are no longer around.

## **VIII. Senior Wardens Report**

Steve Kriechbaum

- Really great Jamaica, a lot of fun. A lot of food, good music, singing.
- Coming up, a little legal clinic for the neighborhood.
- Shout out to St. John's for being the stewards that they are in putting things together.

## **IX. Mother Minerva's Report**

Mother Minerva

- Treasurer situation is a big thing and needs to be taken care of
- Mother Minerva went to New York and she thanked everyone for the support. She was interviewed and will be shown on Apple TV, Season 2, episode 3
- The diocese has been very supportive of the work that is being done at St. John's .
- Two big things that are coming up, funeral for Phyllis Williams son and then wedding on 11/5, Steve's son Daniel.
- Bill Cox has been working really hard
- Maria Angie started mid month.

- The talent show, was a lovely time.
- Good worship, fellowship and community engagement
- Parking lot for Community Connections and had a table at the fundraiser.
- Carolyn - noticed the cohesion and the unity of the vestry, not one negative vote, things are passed unanimously.

## **X. Deacon Victoria' Report**

Deacon Victoria