

St. James Vestry



September 19, 2013

In attendance: Anne and Frank Aloia; Diane Andrews; Alice Bartolotta; Howard Burr; Ken Cotrone; Cheryl Czuba; Barbara Keefe; Wayne LePard; Amy Soobitsky; Nancy and Dick Thompson

Missing: Barbara Kish

Meeting began with prayer.

Approval of agenda-motion made to accept, seconded and accepted.

Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s). Motion made to accept minutes. Seconded and approved with corrections.

Treasurer's report

Frank handed out a report showing expenses up to date. Oil is over budget and may include in the total, work that was performed by Oil Company.

Buildings and grounds includes windows and shed. It includes parking lot work and structural work done under the church. We are in good shape except for the oil cost.

Frank asked if anyone wanted to fill out paperwork for the tax free status. He produced a very large packet of papers. With no volunteers Frank will attempt. Frank will discuss with a lawyer what needs to be done and how it affects the Stites Fund.

Discussion once again ensued regarding the Stites Fund and how it works for St. James.

Audit materials are being prepared.

The company that we got the card reader from would like to know what are plans are for the future.

Ongoing Business

Service Time Change-10AM in the winter 9AM in the summer won the voting. We will try a 10am service while we are in the parish hall for the winter. A motion was made, seconded and approved.

Buildings and Grounds

Sign is up.

No date yet for front stairs and extra structural needs under the church. We will look at ways to get work done sooner.

Work done behind the church and the shed look great.

Organ removal discussion. Options were discussed. A vote will be taken at the annual meeting as to what should be done. A mailing will go out before that.

Fixing of the flourecent lights in both halls needs to be looked into.

Diane asked about the Bilco doors for the back of the church. Anne will ask the mason that she sees about the front steps about replacing the doors.

Church School

Cherry handed out a list of upcoming events for the Sunday school (attached).

New Business

Partnership with Tanzania. Motion was made on the opportunity to not participate. Seconded and accepted.

Harvest House dinners-we will talk to parish about serving dinner at the Harvest House in East Haddam.

Hawk wing-Lakota Sioux. Nancy talked to vestry about perhaps helping with Hawk wing a group based in Glastonbury and serving the Lakota Sioux

in South Dakota. Nancy will ask Rochelle the founder of the group to speak to our parish.

Rowena Kemp will begin in the cluster in October as our new missionary.

New items that we got at Avon were displayed. It was agreed that we would give one set to Emmanuel and offer one of our red sets to any church that might have a need for them.

Next meeting: October 13, 2013

Meeting ended with prayer.

Adjourned at 9:30pm

