

St. James Vestry

February 2, 2014

In Attendance: Anne and Frank Aloia; Alice Bartolotta; Howie Burr; Ken Cotrone; Cheryl Czuba; Jeff Feaster; Peter Floyd; Mary Lou Heger; Karen Krol; Barb Keefe; Amy Soobitsky; Nancy and Dick Thompson.

Absent: Barb Kish

Meeting opened with prayer.

Agenda: Approved.

Minutes from December meeting: Minutes approved with the following corrections: Golf event is May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Financial:** The balance is \$12,427.94 in the checking account. All bills were paid as of January 31<sup>st</sup>. There was a question about when the budget deficit will start to show. There was also a question about whether or not the heat in the upper hall could be lowered or programmed when not in use. Some possible ideas were suggested such as an internet control. Frank explained electric bill split.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Bilco doors will cost \$550.00 with other needs the entire project will cost around \$800.00. Leak under sink was repaired. Bud's Plumbing fixed it for less than a \$100.00. We need to put together a list of contractor's that can do repairs when needed. Dick looked into historical status for the church so that we might be eligible for grants to fix some of the things that may need fixing.

**Church School:** Small classes but ongoing. Service at Beaver Meadow on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Anne welcomed the new vestry members.

**Seasonal Planning:** Howie presented plans for seasonal planning. Form was filled out with input from vestry members and will be given to Bea. Peter suggested a hand washing to replace foot washing. Peter also suggested an “all generational” program for lent.

**Fundraisers:** Corned Beef dinner is on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March. Elaine Jackson and Barb Kish will chair. Relay for Life fundraiser is on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Jere Adametz will chair. May 17<sup>th</sup> is the golf event. Frank Aloia and Mike Kish will chair. September 20<sup>th</sup> is the chicken barbeque. Chair to be decided. November 15<sup>th</sup> is the church fair. Anne and Amy will chair. November 22 is the tag sale. Amy, Alice and Carol will chair. Corned Beef 10% will go to Leukemia fund. Golf event 10% will go to MS.

Frank reported on what is happening with the golf event.

### **Liturgical Space:**

We will go back to the church on the first Sunday in April. If steps are still being repaired we will enter from side.

We discussed what we should do with the organ now that we have voted to get rid of it. There were some concerns raised over whether or not the vote on keeping or removing the organ was fair. Peter suggested that we are careful when getting rid of anything in a liturgical space so as to not offend anyone. Cherry will contact a man from Trinity who deals with organs and see what he suggests.

**Harvest House:** Served around 50 meals with 10 St. James people working.

## **Dances:**

October dance will be on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Alice asked about New Year's Eve. Sal is checking on availability. No spring dance due to low turnout. Could more advertising be the key?

## **New and ongoing business:**

We will consider having an art show fundraiser. Someone will look into it.

We are still donating to Amazing Grace. Last drop off on January 20<sup>th</sup> was 112 lbs. of donations.

Anne asked for suggestions for community activities.

Peter asked for clarification on what a presbyter's block is now paid at. Nancy reported that we agreed to pay Rowena 1.5 blocks extra a month to compensate her for all the extra things she will do during her training period. Nancy will check with cluster to get details.

It was asked about procedure for starting a preservation committee. This would be a committee that would oversee any changes in the liturgical space. This was suggested at the annual meeting.

Next meeting will be March 9, 2014

Meeting closed with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 12:44pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

Howard Burr, Vestry Clerk

