

St. James Higganum



Vestry Meeting

October 13, 2013

In Attendance: Anne and Frank Aloia; Diane Andrews; Howard Burr; Cheryl Czuba; Amy Soobitsky; Nancy and Dick Thompson. Absent: Alice Bartolotta; Ken Cotrone; Barb Keefe; Barb Kish; Wayne LePard.

Meeting opened with prayer.

Rochelle from hawkwing stayed to answer questions following her presentation during the service.

Approval of minutes from September 2013:

Minutes approved.

Treasurer's report: We have \$10,708.62 in the account. Bills are all paid. Guardian Pest Control will be spraying a repellent for mice every two months. Card reader has been sent back as the company has cancelled our account. Dick spoke about the tax number. Churches have an automatic tax free number. We were cautioned to keep within a tax free status.

Dick spoke about the Stites fund. It was set up as a "memorial fund" and reports were to be sent on a regular basis. A motion was made that the Stites fund can use our tax number providing that the proper documents are provided on a requested basis. Motion passed.

Stewardship: Dick explained proposed methods for stewardship. Groups will be formed to visit and discuss stewardship with congregants.

Buildings and Grounds:

Anne talked to Jeff and he has been doing preliminary work on the church front steps.

Dick spoke to the furnace problems in the church. Furnace is at least 30 years old.

Components can be replaced. Replacement part has been ordered. It is felt that we should begin looking into replacing the furnace. It was felt that we should take our time and explore the options.

Church School begins next week-October 20th.

Blessing of the animals went well. Jim's homily went over well with the younger people at the service. Halloween party is November 1st.

Church Fair: Unless someone steps forward the turkey dinner part of the fair will not happen. It may be replaced by the Bawa Café. Second tag sale week would possibly be a coffee shop type thing. An e-mail will go out asking for a volunteer.

Rowena Kemp our new presbyter will be ordained on December 14th at St. Andrews in Northford.

December 6th is our service of remembrance and support.

Diane asked if she should take books out of tag sale before the tag sale for Hawkwing. It was agreed that she should.

The dance is on October 26th.

Meeting closed with prayer.

Date for next meeting-November 10th.