

St. James Vestry Meeting

September 13, 2015

In attendance: Frank Aloia; Alice Bartolotta; Howard Burr; Kathleen Caron; Ken Cotrone; Cherry Czuba; Mary Lou Heger; Barb Keefe; Karen Krol and Mary Riley. Ken Cotrone, Amy Soobitsky and Dick Thompson were not in attendance.

Meeting opened with prayer.

Agenda and June meeting minutes were accepted.

Financial:

We have \$14,475.24 in the account.

Chicken BBQ was a success. Made 1780.00

Buildings and Grounds:

Cherry made a motion to approve Jeff's plan for the step project and to go ahead. The plan was to have three steps, which would go the width of the foyer. No steps on the sides and railings that would go with aesthetically with the building. It would cost no more than \$1600.00. Motion seconded and approved.

We will look into air for upper hall.

Cluster Council:

The cluster council met on September 1st. Our new deacon is Nathan Ives. One of the Priest's will accompany him on his rounds until he is ordained. He lives in Brooklyn CT. The bylaws were also discussed at the meeting.

New business:

We will need to fill at least 3 officer positions on vestry this coming year. We are in need of a Senior Warden, Treasurer and secretary. There were some possible candidates from existing vestry but no commitments. Most of the existing vestry is planning on returning.

On October 4th we will have a blessing of the animals. Jane White-Hassler will be with us that day. Details have not been worked out yet.

On November 24th we will host the Haddam Ecumenical service. Cherry is working on the service. Pam and hopefully Hillary will be available to play. There will be a reception following in the parish hall with finger foods and desserts being served.

December 4th will be the service of remembrance.

Mary Riley reported on the landscaping project that she has undertaken. She is looking for bulb donations. Frank offered that some of it could be funded from the church account.

Our next meeting will be held on October 11, 2015.

Meeting closed with prayer and adjourned at 11:30AM.

Respectfully submitted:

Howard Burr

Vestry Clerk