

Minutes of the Vestry
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Windham Center, CT
30 August 2018

Called to Order

In attendance: Father John Burton, George Younger, Jim Russel, Beth Nelson, Donovan Reinwald, Lynn Ide, Virginia Fulton, Marian Brazziel

Finance report:

Per Jo Ann Loughery: Pledge Income thru August 2018 is \$69,774 out of \$92,876 pledged for the year.

We are waiting for guidance from Louis Fuertes from ECCT for guidance on proper categorization for all items in our parochial report.

M. Brazziel and the auditor will meet next Friday (6 September 2018) to prepare for Parish audit.

Warden's Report:

D. Reinwald is continuing to work with Fr. John on website. D. Reinwald explained that Wordpress will be the best option for a content management system, as it gives the website manager more customization and control. Wordpress would still allow for the same current site hosting option, with the same url. So no interruption would happen or redirection would be needed. Now that content management system has been identified, the next step is building out content, managing plugins, etc.

Vicar's Report

Organist, Elizabeth Austin's absence will be coming up. Preparations should begin for alternative arrangements for music.

There will be five confirmands/recipients for confirmation/reception during the Bishop's visit. Prior to confirmation/reception will be three classes during three consecutive weeks. These classes will be open to all parishioners.

The summer book group was very successful. Each week had 5-14 people in attendance.

Mission & Outreach:

Community dinners still going well.

V. Fulton will be stepping down from position in January 2019.

Parish Life:

Ice cream social will be 2 September 2018.

Property:

Mowing for garden & church has been contracted out. Mowing this year has been difficult and people's availability to help with mowing sporadic, necessitating the decision.

Alan Miller will be going over the parking lot again.

A/C for parish hall discussed – bigger expenditure than originally thought. Idea will be tabled for later.

Discussion of Parish Listening sessions:

Sessions will be focused on input from parish. Logistics and dates for listening sessions discussed. L. Ide will announce to parish the dates/format once finalized. There will be at least one meeting after church, in the Parish Hall.

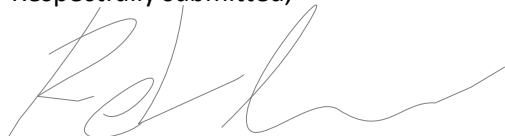
Discussion of Fall Stewardship:

Theme of fall stewardship will be generosity.

Planning for Bishop's visit:

L. Ide will not be there. Bishop will have lunch with Vestry. Vestry reviewed Bishop's discussion topics.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Stearns