

Notes from vestry meeting minutes on 11/11/18

**Vestry members present:**

Ian, Mary, Dave, Carrie, Arianna, Cyndi and Erica

**Non-Vestry members present:**

Randy Horton, Deacon Richard, Harry VanGelder, Eric Travis, Lori Bowerman

**Vestry members absent:**

Jerry, Cheri and Larry

**Front matter:**

Promise writer: Cyndi Time keeper: Carrie

Prayer requests: Pray for hunters and those traveling for Thanksgiving, for seniors completing applications and for a successful happening. Thanksgiving for a beautiful parish hall, newly painted.

Cultural Identity: Larry is not here, maybe he can present at the next meeting.

**Consent agenda/Updates:**

-Updated September and Octobers minutes to reflect that the minutes should state as vestry meeting minutes and not parish meeting minutes. **Agreed upon by acclamation.** Changes were made to both the September and the October meeting minutes.

**Reports:**

- Randy, Lori and Harry are joining us to discuss finances. We are looking to moving our money around so that it will make us more money. The recommendation is to take the money out of the dioceses account and split it between Raymond James and Edward Jones. This will allow us better access to the funds when needed instead of only having access quarterly. We currently have 100K in Comerica account, 126K (approx.) with the diocese and 78K in Edward Jones. The proposal is to split the Comerica account and diocese account into the Comerica, an Edward Jones and new Raymond James account so that the James and Jones accounts are equal in funding.
- **Motion to approve the finance teams recommendation to move funds by Carrie, seconded by Mary, motion passed.**
- Harry suggests a Birthday Fund to help the endowment fund grow. Also discussed where some of the endowment funds can be used such as Guiding Harbor. The goal is for the parish to see the endowment fund to help ministries within the church. 3% of the fund can be used yearly for these activities, not for things like operations.
- **Motion to approve to accept the birthday club proposal to be used to generate funds for ministries in the church, seconded by Mary, motion passed.**

### Healthy congregations debrief:

- Watched video from Healthy congregations and discussed.
- Are we going to conduct another all parish meeting? Carrie suggests a box to allow people to address questions, comments and concerns.
- We assigned parish members to call, please make calls before next month's meeting.

### Discussions/Decisions:

- New vestry members? We need 3 by January. We are losing Cheri, Charlotte and Dave and we also need a new youth person.
- Ian is working on a 3<sup>rd</sup> bid for the furnace.
- **Ian's housing allowance: \$19,000 currently. Motion to identify \$19,000 for housing allowance by Cyndi, seconded by Carrie, motion passed.**
- How to we get a master calendar? Google calendar does not work well for everyone. It cannot be easily added to. Ian will be a large calendar.
- December 16<sup>th</sup> is Chicken Soup and lessons and Carols.
- December 9<sup>th</sup> is Christmas with Cedar Woods.
- December 24<sup>th</sup>: Christmas eve services at 5 and 8.
- **MSW rollout:** How will we know if it's "working" or "not working"? This is tabled to December's meeting.

### Financial report:

- **Lori:** and questions regarding the quarterly report? We are currently at 167,000 in pledges. We really want to hit the \$200,000 mark. Lori can assist others who need help with egiving. **A motion to accept the financial report as given, Motion by Mary, seconded by Carrie. Motion carried.**
- **Nursery workers** have been notified as to their layoff

### Conclusion:

#### Action Items:

- We are all calling for pledges this week. We assigned 2 per person
- We are going to review the outreach template letter.
- Ian will buy a master calendar
- We will call our group based on the directory regarding any comments/concerns from the parish.

Closing prayer by Ian

Next meeting is December 9th

Meeting called at 2:05

Respectfully submitted by your secretary, Erica Fulton