

The February 8th, 2015 vestry meeting was called to order at approximately 11:50am. Present were Sandy Baril, Val Neely, Father Harry, Deacon Janis Hansen, Don Snyder, Debra McNeil and Nick Pairitz. Janis Hansen opened in prayer.

The Senior Warden called for a motion to approve last meeting's minutes as corrected and emailed prior to today's meeting.

***Don made a motion to approve last meeting's minutes. Deb seconded**

Deacon's report

Janis passed out her report (attached after minutes)

Senior Warden Report

Sandy met with Tonya to do newsletter together.

The Senior Warden met with Janis and Frank. Frank said he will be in charge of clergy scheduling until July.

Sandy (and JJ Snyder) will be attending the 2015 Diocese convention as Adam is unavailable to go.

Junior Warden Report

Don said the woodbank got a few truckloads of wood last weekend. On the 16th of February there will be a wood harvest in Argenta. There is a new member for the Ruby Valley Woodbank Quinten VanDyke, allhands and dayspring.

Val brought to the Junior Warden's attention that the hot water temp is 120 degrees and that is too low. It should be set to 140 degrees to allow for adequately hot water. Don said that the thermostat was not set at the right temperature so the water heater was not turning on. Getting this corrected is a work in progress which he and David Hansen are working out.

Don will buy a tree protector for the tree on N. side of church which is being rubbed by deer.

Treasurer's Report

Deb read a thank you letter from Beverly and Frank Ford for the gift certificate to the Old Hotel from the vestry.

The treasurer then passed out the financials (attached). The communications budget of \$500 is spent for 2015. She will get more money to communications by moving it from management and admin and assessed reserves.

Youth program expenses are for background checks (required in order to work with youth). Don recommended we look into Adam's background check for his job to see if this is accepted by the Diocese

to save money. Janis will look into this. Janis also said she will email Val her vestry safeguarding requirements.

Budget: Deb will add a late pledge, add a line item for memorial and the rest of the money will go into designated funds.

***Don moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Val seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Old Business

Ordination:

Sandy made Val head of ordination preparation committee, based on her experience and knowledge on this. Val accepted.

There was discussion on diocesan protocol of ordination. The Deacon wishes to speak with Canon Chris Roberts with Val and Sandy to get answers on hosting.

Deacon Janis Hansen has begun her reading for her upcoming priesthood exam.

Sidewalk Clearing:

This year it has been good so far. Between Don, Nick and David the sidewalks are staying clean.

Kitchen:

Proposed kitchen island idea in no more. The kitchen angel would like a moveable table instead. The stove vent issues are still being worked on. The committee will submit a modified plan to the vestry. The funds are present so a decision just needs to be made.

Children's Chapel Review:

Ashley was absent from the meeting so Nick gave a summary on the last Children's Chapel. The importance of prayer and the "who, what, when, where and why" of prayer. Prayer rugs were made. It was suggested that an email notification be sent out to members a week ahead of Children's Chapel.

Tables:

6-8 person seating is needed and Sandy suggested round tables. Don expressed his concern with funding due to the upcoming bookshelves and outdoor building repair expenses. Nick said he will find round table and chair pricing to present to vestry for the next meeting. The vestry can then have numbers and prioritize table purchases relative to other projects. If the vestry decides NOT to pursue table purchases, the information will be available for someone who may wish to make a designated gift.

Main Street Repairs:

Nick gave a summary of the timeline on Main street project. Sandy wants Nick to be the contact when the pre-construction meeting will occur. Nick agreed.

New Business

Wood Bank Management:

Fr. Harry wants the Ruby Valley Wood Bank to be its own entity by the end of 2015. There was discussion on finances including grants and donations. Don is happy to lead the wood bank for the next year or possibly two. We need to take pictures of equipment for insurance purposes. Sandy wants Don and Deb to work together on a budget to give us an idea of how much we'd be looking at to run this ministry. Harry will provide a budget for the next vestry meeting.

Bank Signatures:

Sandy would like Nick to be added as a bank signature.

***Deb made a motion that Nick and Sandy replace Jennifer and Frank on the checking and savings accounts at Ruby Valley Bank. Don seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Advertisement:

Deb has been working on ads for review which she would like to run in the Madisonian to inform people about church. The goal would be not to just inform people about Christ Church, but to encourage people to find a church they like. (The proposed ads are attached at the end of these minutes). Val recommended option 3 be changed and Deb liked the recommendation. The deacon likes the idea but did question having our church's name at the bottom of the ads. Discussion followed on potentially collaborating with other churches to run the ads. A majority felt we should go at it alone for the time being and maybe in the future run the ads with the Ruby Valley Pastor's Association. Janis will inform the RVPA about the ads and ask if they wish to be a part of it and will report at the next vestry meeting. Deb also went over the costs.

***Don moved to run bi-weekly the ads Deb presented, in the Madisonian for a period of six months. Nick seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Deb suggested we have coloring sheets with crayons available in the church for children.

Deb also wants to add more to the church web page about what the Episcopal Church is all about.

Diocesan Grants:

The Senior Warden brought to the attention of the vestry a technology grant from the diocese. She asked if there is anything we need for the church. The total available is about \$2000. Janis suggested a projector for Children's Chapel and other uses as well.

Sandy made the vestry aware of other grants such as ones for building needs, for retreats, for help with new ministries. She will look into requirements for the grants.

The next vestry meeting is scheduled for March 15th after coffee hour.

*Val motioned to adjourn the meeting. Don Seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:20pm.