

MINUTES – MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING

September 8, 2024

Attending: Alfred King, Denise King, Andrew Listman, Lillian Knott, Darlene Watson, Pat Schaffer, Margaret McCafferty, and Kevin Sangster.

The meeting began at 11:07 a.m., with prayer read by all.

Minutes: There were no corrections or additions to the minutes and a Motion was made by Pat Schaffer and seconded by Al King to approve the Minutes as read. All were in favor and the Motion passed.

Additional Matters Arising from the Minutes: Kevin went online and got a donation from Shop-Rite for the Basket Auction. It is to be picked up the week of the Basket Auction. Thank you, Kevin!

Safe Church. Those who needed to take the course this year received notifications and were registered.

The meeting with our Visiting Eucharistic Ministers tentatively scheduled for September 22 or the 29, to go through how visits should be conducted has been postponed. A new date will be communicated.

The Nominations process for next year's Mission Committee slots will begin in October. Darlene, Al, and Andy's terms are up this year.

We will work have our preliminary budget in place by November and have it finalized by December.

Some accounts on the Treasurer's report can be incorporated to make the report shorter. We will discuss these at the next meeting.

The Diocesan Convention will be held November 23rd, and it will be a hybrid meeting.

The Church Newsletter will be starting up again and done by April Mae.

Treasurer's Report: We are all caught up with Diocesan Grant payments. Our Fair Share was paid for July and August.

A Motion was made by Andy Listman to approve the Treasurer's Report and was seconded by Darlene Watson. All were in favor and the Motion passed.

Sr. Warden's Report: The first step in moving forward to build a new hall, is to submit an application to the Borough for Approval from the Zoning Department. The application cost is \$100.00. Then it is a matter of meeting with the head of the Zoning Department, Darryl Haas. The Diocese requires our current building plan and then a new building plan, and an architect will have to be hired to sketch the plans. A Capital Fund campaign will be geared toward expanding the hall and dedicating money to go toward it. Once the plans are in place, a committee will be formed and will work on the details.

Jr. Warden's Report: The flickering light in the church was fixed. It needed to be tightened and is working fine now. A request was made to replace the toilet paper holder in the first-floor bathroom. The hose and hose caddy for the grounds also need replacing.

Fundraising: The Atco Lions ladies are helping Darlene with wrapping the prizes for the Basket Auction and are doing a fabulous job. The prizes are top notch this year.

Outreach: Margaret is working on a Blood Drive around Thanksgiving. The beginning date for Chair Yoga will be November 5th. A flyer has been made, but the dates have to be changed. Then the fliers will be put in surrounding stores i.e. Shop-Rite, Wal-Mart, etc.

Only 7 backpacks were distributed at our Fun Day, and we had 38 left over. Fr. Russell took three to give to a family in need, so we are left with 35 that will be stored for next year. \$210.00 was donated for backpacks and supplies, but unfortunately the weather did not cooperate and there was a very low turnout. It cost \$3,609.25 for J-Dogs, food and beverages \$167.91, and the portable toilet expense was \$175.00.

Christian Education: Sunday School started again on September 22nd.

Father Russell will hold an eight-week Bible Study commencing October 2nd and running through November 8th.

Stewardship: October will be Stewardship month and will have a different speaker each week. Gail DelMonte will be one of the speakers and possible speakers are Kathy Vaccarella and Regina Listman.

Old Business: Denise will send out Pledge Reminder letters. There will be a 9/11 Memorial Service at the American Legion in Atco at 7:00 p.m.

New Business: Villa Deli menu selections were decided on for the Founders' Day Luncheon. Canon Stephen Connor will attend as will Fr. Tinh and his wife Kim.

We will consider a separate bank account at the beginning of the new year for the Scholarship Fund (GSSF).

The Gambling Account is a checking account and needs to be changed to a savings account, if the State agrees. Darlene is to check with the State on this.

The Capital Fund account is currently held at TD Bank. A sub-DIT account could be opened as a Capital Campaign Fund.

The Marks of Mission assessment won't be submitted until we at least do our preliminary budget.

A Motion was made by Al King to close the meeting and was seconded by Andy Listman. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m., which prayer said by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McCafferty
Secretary, Mission Committee