

MISSION COMMITTEE MINUTES

DECEMBER 10, 2023

In attendance: Kevin Sangster, Lillian Knott, Darlene Watson, Andy Listman, Regina Listman, Pat Schaffer, Denise King, and Margaret McCafferty. Carole Marella was a visitor.

The meeting began at 11:20 a.m. with prayer said by all.

Minutes: The Minutes were reviewed and there were no changes. Margaret made a Motion to accept the Minutes as read, and was seconded by Regina. All were in favor and the Motion passed.

Sunday School will break from December 24 through January 7, 2024.

The Christmas Eve service will be held at 5:00 p.m., January 24.

Treasurer's Report: There was a correction to the October Summary Report per Denise. Darlene made a Motion to approve the report and it was seconded by Pat Schaffer. All were in favor and the Motion passed.

Sr. Warden's Report: Kevin is hoping that by the first quarter of 2024 we will have a decision about Fr. Russell's being our Priest. There are currently thirty-nine pavers signed up for but all who wish to order the same should do so quickly as the cost might increase in 2024.

The audio/visual system is complete.

Jr. Warden's Report: Al is in the process of getting estimates for the LED lights in the church and office. The spotlight into the adjoining field has been fixed. The landscaper had trouble with his truck, so the cleanup of the beds will have to wait until the Spring. Estimates for kitchen cabinets, the new flooring for the office and Sacristy are being gathered.

Nominating Committee: Darlene is in the process of obtaining candidates for the open positions on the Mission Committee.

Outreach Committee: There have been approximately twenty "Blessing Bags" donated to date, and the hope is that more will come in by the deadline of December 17. Lillian took the first bag to the first elementary school and the second school will get the donation after December 17.

Stewardship: Kevin suggested that next year we begin the Stewardship campaign one month early, in October. This change will help with getting the budget done earlier.

Special Diocesan Convention: This was held primarily to approve the Budget for the Diocese. \$10 million dollars was spent last year, and Bishop Sally felt the need to cut expenses drastically. A lot of dollars were being sent to the National Church and Bishop Sally cut her salary by \$50,000.

Old Business: The question was asked if Santa could make an appearance on the altar immediately after the service. Donna (Darlene's friend) will do a template for the church for free but will need Diocesan approval when complete. A New logo is being worked on by a graphic artist and will be submitted when completed. The Office Administrator will be paid and will do filing and getting the files in order and scanning important documents. She will also do inventorying. Margaret will not be in the office except for her work as Mission Committee Secretary and her role in Outreach. The Diocese has approved a \$30,000.00 grant for Mission Outreach.

ECW: Regina reported that the group is growing in numbers and is having a lot of fun.

The Budget: A question was raised as to the number of pledges that were received and at the next meeting there should be a definitive answer. Our Budget was passed preliminarily, all were in favor, and it passed.

A question was asked if the church could buy a Transport Chair to aid in getting parishioners out the door if there had been a mishap. Andy said he would check on the pricing; however, it was pointed out that if an ambulance were called, they would have a transport chair.

A Motion was made to conclude the meeting by Lillian Knott and Regina Listman seconded the Motion. All were in favor and the meeting ended at 1:11 p.m. with prayer said by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McCafferty
Secretary, Mission Committee