

**MINUTES OF MISSION COMMITTEE
MEETING
JANUARY 15, 2023**

The meeting began at 11:00 a.m. with prayer led by Marg McCafferty.

In attendance: Al King, Sheila Williams, Carole Marella, Marg McCafferty, Lillian Knott, Kevin Sangster, Gail Cecchini, Darlene Watson, Pat Schaffer, Regina Listman, and Andy Listman (visitor).

Minutes: The December Minutes were read, and the following corrections were made:

- 1) the date of the minutes under “Minutes” on page 1 was changed to “November,” and,
- 2) the amount of the grant from the diocese at the bottom of page 2 should be “\$23,500.”

A Motion was made by Al King to accept the minutes as corrected and was seconded by Gail Cecchini. All were in favor and the Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Regina Listman made a Motion to accept the report as read and was seconded by Sheila. All were in favor and the Motion passed.

Warden’s Report: The front panel of the new reception desk was damaged on delivery. Kevin reached out to the company, National Business Furniture, and they sent us a free replacement. He will endeavor to sell the damaged unit.

The other desk for the office from Office Depot has not been delivered as promised. Kevin reordered the unit and was given a \$70.00 discount. We will be receiving a full refund for the original shipment that has not been received, as it’s suspected to be lost in transit.

Now that the Sunday School room has been updated, Kevin is looking to rent out the space for other groups and churches, as well as the church itself, as we only use it for about 1 ½ hours each Sunday. The group(s) must have insurance to be able to rent.

The NJ ECS is donating laptops and one will be used for Sunday School and a new TV may be purchased in the future.

C.J. Watson has donated \$600.00 worth of electrical work.

Jr. Warden’s Report: Work is being done on the heat in the Treasurer’s office. We are conducting interviews for a new Sexton. A search for a locksmith is being conducted, and Al was given some names at today’s meeting. The locksmith at the Farmers’ Market was suggested.

Nominating Committee: The Open Positions for Mission Committee are as follows: Junior Warden, three 3-year seats, one 2-year seat, 3 deputies and 3 alternates to the Diocesan Convention, and 6 delegates to the Camden Convocation. There is still a need for candidates.

Fundraising: The Christmas raffle showed a profit of \$4,232.95, with 852 tickets sold. Kevin challenged Darlene and Lillian to a higher profit this year of \$10,000.00, between the Basket Auction and the raffle.

Old Business: We will be working on a plan for the Memorial Garden in the Spring. If any member wishes to memorialize veterans, we can do so by the flagpole. The question was raised if the flowers should be annuals or perennials. It was decided perennials should be used as it would save planting new flowers every year and the cost would be less. Flowering plants and bushes will be used. Gail will research types of flowers and Regina will research the cost of bricks or stone pavers, which can be 'engraved'.

New Business: The expiration date for the pads for the Defibrillator is expiring and the pads need to be replaced. Andy Listman will check this and report back to the committee.

The question was raised whether curtains or blinds would be appropriate for the Sunday School. Since we hope to have meetings held in the Sunday School, by outside groups, would they feel the need for more privacy? A lot of members of the committee didn't want to see anything on the windows, but we will address this later in the year to see what the experience is like in the summer.

Sheila asked for help washing and ironing the linens. Margaret volunteered to assist.

Brunch: Kevin asked if we wish to continue having brunch once or twice a month and open it up to volunteers. It was suggested that we have a potluck on our monthly meeting dates so that everyone can contribute. Maybe we could do just coffee and donuts/bagels one other Sunday each month.

Annual Meeting: Reports are due for same by January 18. There will be a Potluck luncheon before the meeting and a sign-up list will be placed at the back of the church.

There will be a commissioning of new Mission Committee members at a date to be determined since a few members will not be available on February 12, the proposed date.

Pictures of the new furniture will be sent to the Loan and Grants Committee shortly so they can see what we did with the grant funding. Very shortly, we will apply for another grant to complete repairs of the ramp, exterior painting, concrete repair, and power washing.

The alarm system code will be changed, after the Borough inspection, and the "safe" word will also be changed.

Keys will be issued to Andy Listman, Lillian Knott and/or Darlene Watson, and their names will be added to the current list of those holding keys.

Kevin believes that we need to downsize the Mission Committee as he feels there are too many members for the size of our church. The bylaws may have to be amended to be appropriate.

Reflection and Appreciation: Kevin thanked the committee for all its help. His philosophy is to strive for perfection, and we need to do the same. New people need to be brought into the church to bring in more income to enable us to have more programs. We need to get to \$125,000 in income in 2023.

A Motion was made by Gail Cecchini to accept the above and close the meeting and this was seconded by Carole Marella. All were in favor and the Motion passed.

The meeting ended at 12:53 p.m. with prayer led by Carole Marella and Gail Cecchini.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McCafferty
Secretary – Mission Committee