

MISSION COMMITTEE MINUTES DECEMBER 11, 2022

The meeting began at 11:15 a.m. with prayer led by Sheila Williams.

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

Minutes: The November Minutes were read, and the following corrections were read and corrected. Carole Marella made a Motion to accept the Minutes as read and was seconded by Pat Schaffer. All were in favor and the Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: As listed and discussed. Darlene Watson made a Motion to accept the Minutes as read, with corrections, and Regina Listman seconded same.

Sr. & Jr. Warden's Report: The electrical work has been completed. The light switches and outlets have been installed. Next week the lights in the church will be done. There will be between a \$400.00 and \$500.00 charge for same. A vote was taken, and all were in favor of this expense. A fan has been installed in the upstairs bathroom. The office will have new desks, chairs, and a wall cabinet for extra storage. Confidential and private correspondence will now be kept in files so that no one coming into the office can view the same. New windows and trim will be completed on the outside of the church by Friday. Kenny King will assemble the desks. The Sexton will not be working in the church on Sunday mornings but will come in on Saturday instead. He has not been doing the best job of cleaning the church. The old baseboard heaters in the Priest and Treasurer's offices could not be reused because they were found to be in bad shape when they were removed to facilitate the new drywall installation in those two offices. The cost for new baseboard heaters from Patrick Kilpatrick is \$3,000.00. Al King is bringing in a second contractor for an estimate. The new furniture will signal a new, fresh, and professional look for visitors and show that we are an up-to-date and progressive church. The downstairs will be completed by this weekend. Handrails have been installed going down into the basement and the second one by the downstairs bathroom for safety. The upright freezer might go into the basement. The large filing closet may be moved upstairs and used for janitorial equipment. The pews in the Sunday School room will go into the shed, be sold, or put back in the church to replace broken ones in the church. The pews need to be cleaned with Murphy's Oil. Russ will be coming in the office to clean on Saturday so we need to decide who will light the candles and set up the tray for the altar on Sundays. The Altar personnel will work that out between themselves.

Stewardship: Denise reports that 13 pledges have been received, but the amount pledged is lower than last year. The goal was lowered because of changes going on in the church.

Outreach: Our old robes were donated to St. Mary's Recycle and a letter of thanks received from them. Pat Schaffer handed out 500 candy canes between events in Berlin and West Berlin.

WOH: The last \$5,000.00 of the grant was received from the Diocese for Women of Hope. Graduation for their class will be on Friday, December 16th and if anyone is available to attend, it would be good.

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Nominations: None have been received so far. Possible candidates for Mission Committee are Tammy Wall, Pat Knott, and Andy Listman. Forms are in the rear of the church for nominations. Sheila mentioned that she and Paul donated ten bags of clothes they no longer wear to the veterans. She encouraged everyone to do the same if their clothing is not being used.

Correspondence: None.

GSFF: The proposed revision to the GSFF guidelines to provide for possible one-off assistance to any parishioner who has been affected by a misfortune, such as a fire or flood, was discussed. A Motion was made by Darlene to accept the above and was seconded by Lillian Knott. All were in favor and the Motion passed.

Potluck Luncheon: Will be December 18. If the basement has not been finished, we will eat upstairs right after the service. Fr. will say a blessing and Kevin will say a few words. Lillian is getting someone to play Santa for the children. Regina has gifts for the children. Kevin requested help to setup on Saturday for the Sunday luncheon.

Sunday School: Regina advises that Sunday School ends on December 18th for the Christmas holiday and resume January 8th.

The Westcott Will: The \$40,000.00 escrow will be held pending further investigation.

New Business: The proposal to paint and remodel the bathroom, church office, and adjoining hallway was presented for formal approval by the Mission Committee. "A Motion" was made by Denise and seconded by Darlene. All were in favor and the Motion passed.

January Mission Committee Meeting: Will be held on 3rd Sunday of January.

Annual Meeting: The meeting will be January 29, after the regular 9:00 a.m. service. All reports are due by January 18.

Budget: The church was approved for a grant of \$23,500.00 from the Diocese for 2023.

A suggestion was raised that we have business-type cards printed and used to hand out to people we meet to let them know we are here in Berlin and are a welcoming church.

A Motion was made by Carole Marella to end the meeting and was seconded by Lillian Knott. All were in favor and the Motion passed.

The meeting ended at 12:47 p.m. and was led in prayer by Regina Listman.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McCafferty
Secretary, Mission Committee

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