

Vestry Minutes | October 15, 2024

Present: Stan Alexander, Deacon Otto Anderson, Linda Bumiller, Joe Cairo, Charlie Campbell, Dana Cunningham, Bob Neben (Treasurer), Cheryl Strine, Bee Tanner, Kathleen Walters, Randy Young (Finance Chair), Jay Woodhull, senior warden; Mike Miller, junior warden; Fr. Christian Baron

Meeting opened at 5:30 p.m. with prayer and a contemplation on the Gospel reading from Mark 10:35-45, appointed for Sunday, October 20.

Dana Cunningham was appointed as clerk for the meeting.

Approval of September Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve: Kathleen Walters 2nd: Bee Tanner Approved by acclamation

New Business

Ceasing Charter for Cub Scout Pack 101

The church has been engaged in a process with the Miami Valley Council, to transfer Oakwood Pack 101 to Oakwood Pack 151. As the charter organization for Pack 101, all property including some cash belongs to the church. Mike Miller has been working with all parties on a proposal to cease the charter, transfer current scouts (and funds) to Pack 151. St. Paul's would keep \$1,500 for future use (e.g., restarting a Pack).

Given the long history of Pack 101 and St. Paul's, the suggestion was also made to create some commemoration at the church to honor the relationship.

Motion: Accept the terms & conditions of the Pack 101 Transfer Agreement.

Motion to Approve: Mike Miller 2nd: Cheryl Strine Approved as presented by acclamation

Action item: Fr. Christian will share with congregation on 10/20/24; Mike will provide a write-up for the 10/24 eNews.

Meeting with Standing Committee of the Diocese

Jay Woodhull, Mike Miller and Fr. Christian Baron met with the standing committee of the diocese at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15 via Zoom regarding the petition to exercise Canon XVI of the Diocese of Southern Ohio Constitution and Canons, related to dissolution of a pastoral relationship. An update of the meeting was provided. The standing committee will move forward with their obligatory next steps.

Old Business

Updates to By-Laws

The majority of the by-laws have been updated, pending review and approval by the congregation at the next annual meeting. The senior warden desires the addition of an introduction to set expectations, articulate what we want the church to be.

Action item: Wardens and Fr. Christian will meet to discuss further.

Hiring Communication Personnel

A proposal was provided to vestry members by Ministry Architects, a consultant firm that provides remote communication services for a monthly fee of \$1,220 plus a \$250 set up. This service can be cancelled at any time with 30 days notice.

Motion: Engage Ministry Architects as outlined in the documented proposal.

Motion to approve: Mike Miller 2nd: Charlie Campbell In Favor: 10 Abstained: 1

Action Item: Mike Miller to execute contract with start date TBD (but as soon as possible).

Securing Church Building on Sundays

Master keys available for this purpose need to be placed in a secure location that is easily accessible to the main doors that require a key. All other doors are secured with an Allen (Hex) Key that hangs near each door.

Action Item: Stan Alexander and Charlie Campbell are on point for November.

Action Item: Mike Miller to provide a floor plan/visuals at November meeting illustrating door locations, etc.

Columbarium Pricing for Non-Members

Due to recent inquiry from non-members of the church, it has been requested that the Vestry determine a price for a single niche in the Columbarium. The price outlined below was presented based on informal research from area cemeteries on their current rate.

Motion: To establish a rate of \$4,000 for a single niche in the Columbarium effective immediately and going forward until such time that an adjustment would be considered by the Vestry.

Motion to approve: Stan Alexander 2nd: Jay Woodhull Approved by acclamation

Delegates to Diocesan Convention

Due to a number of circumstances, including a date change by the diocese, none of the elected delegates or alternates are able to attend the convention to be held November 22-23 at the Roberts Center in Wilmington, OH.

Motion: To accept the following volunteers as delegates – Laura Walters, Jay Woodhull, Bee Tanner, Randy Young. Joe Cairo, alternate.

Motion to approve: Charlie Campbell 2nd: Stan Alexander Approved by acclamation

Action Item: Notify non-Vestry volunteers for motion approval.

Committee/Team Reports

Committee/Team Reports were provided for Property, Outreach, Finance and Parish Life. Specific actions as needed are noted below.

Action Item: Finance will put forward budget proposals at November meeting.

Action Item: Treasurer and Finance chair are conducting a review all contracts and subscriptions.

Motion: Motion to accept proposal from Modern Entrances, Inc. to remove the broken “automatic” function from the door at the front of the church.

Motion to approve: Bee Tanner 2nd: Stan Alexander Approved by acclamation

Action Item: Notify Property Chair and Staff of motion approval.

Deacon Otto offered closing entreaty to “go forth and be the church in the world”.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 19, 2024