

CMEC

VESTRY MEETING

February 13, 2022

Vestry Members Present: Allison Carnahan, Joseph Koons, Jenn Patterson, Dave Peterson, Erin Ryan, Sharon Shutovich, Jim Strader-Sasser, Michelle Walczak, Deb Williams (all participants were on Zoom)

Vestry Members Excused: Doug Cummings (Treasurer), Robin Kessler

Fr. Jim opened the meeting with prayer and called the meeting to order at 12:06 pm.

Approval of last meeting minutes

The minutes from annual parish meeting, including the amended annual report, and the minutes from the short vestry meeting on 1/16/22 were accepted by unanimous consent.

Reports

Treasurer's Report

Doug's treasury report was reviewed in good order. It was noted the fiduciary will no longer be paying bills, the cemetery committee will work with the treasurer to pay bills related to the cemetery. Dave motioned to accept the treasurer's report as written; second motion followed by Jenn. Motion carried 7/0/0.

Priest in Charge's Report

Fr. Jim reported the month of January was spent at St. Paul's leading worship, with a few pastoral calls from CMEC. He noted the shared vestry meeting on February 5th was well received, and both vestry committees understand the church needs as we move into the spring season.

A suggestion was made to move forward with Shrove Tuesday planning (March 1st). Sharon and Michelle will reach out to Robin to coordinate festivities and request volunteers to assist. There will be options provided at the church for dining-in, take-out or delivery.

Father Jim is also working on podcast material, Lenten Contemplations, for Ash Wednesday and Holy week.

Priest Associate Update

Allison reported it was her first day back leading service at St. Paul's, along with Deacon Jim at 10:30; she will preside next week, 2/20 at 10:30. Her goal is to be leading both services the last Sunday of February.

Allison would like to facilitate a central calendar for mission and outreach, to inform both congregations of the opportunities within the communities. She looks forward to having both parishes support each other and celebrating joint functions.

Senior Warden's Report

Dave reported the need for better communication. Parish email lists have been shared between CMEC and St. Paul's. Opportunities for a shared calendar will be evaluated. He is looking for other recommendations to improve communication.

Junior Warden's Report

Parts to repair the Pine Street door have been ordered, the door is no longer functioning for entrance. Until further notice, Michelle has provided keyfob users access to the community room door.

Michelle received an estimate from Lezzer's in the amount of \$2,777 for wireless wall transmitters. The transmitters will be installed at the East Market Street handicap entrance, which will allow for the door to be switched from the inside and outside. Sharon motioned to approved to pay the \$2,777, second motion followed by Dave. Motion carried 7/0/0.

Jenn suggested having a permanent handicap parking space designated outside the East Market Street entrance. Michelle will reach out to the Montour County borough office for direction to request designated parking

Michelle is still waiting for a quote on the restoration of the west doors (back of church).

Michelle continues to search for a contractor for snow removal. Joe suggested contacting the Montour County Jail to see if prisoners from the work assistance program would be able to assist. Michelle will contact the jail and will also reach out to Robin to see who the Thomas Beaver Library contracts with for snow removal.

Committee Chair Reports

Mission and Outreach

Sharon and Robin are labeling food for Cassie's Cabinet at the Children's Hospital. Mission and outreach had been actively involved with providing for a friend of the church, Drew, providing him with basic needs.

Hospitality - No updates

Finance - No further updates.

Shaped by Faith

Erin attended a Shape by Faith meeting the beginning of February. The diocese does not currently have their process for grant funding up and running, but it was discussed at the February meeting. Once all groups have finalized their planning, the dioceses will open the process for grant proposals, so everyone can submit at the same time.

A group from Lewisburg, Bloomsburg, Sunbury and Danville meet to plan for diaper bank outreach, they are starting with a flyer. Jenn and Erin will put communication together for the combined St. Paul's and CMEC newsletter.

The team continues to look for a centralized location to house the diaper bank. The former Good Samaritan building is available for rent \$875/month however, the owner is not looking to sell the building at this time. The Shape by Faith committee is taking the lead, Erin will report efforts back to the vestry. CMEC is in support of moving the diapers to another location.

Mother Allison mentioned moving the diaper bank away from the church may lose the identity of CMEC running the diaper bank. A suggestion was made to change the name to CMEC diaper bank, instead of the Danville Diaper Bank, so individuals know the affiliation. Fr. Jim noted this suggestion was also made previously by CMEC's accountant.

Youth/Worship – No updates.

Advertising /Video Productions – No updates.

Old Business

Cemetery Repairs – The fencing and mapping are in progress, but the cold weather has slowed progress.

New Business

Ash Wednesday – March 2nd

St. Paul's at 12 pm

CMEC at 7 pm

Deacon Jim will offer ashes-to-go in Bloomsburg

Fr. Jim will provide ashes-to-go at the main entrance at Geisinger.

Christian education - Deacon Jim

Monday's at 10:30 am via Zoom study on the Lord's Prayer during Lent

Sunday's at 6:00 pm adult via Zoom adult discussion group studying the book of Exodus

Easter Sunday – Details to be shared in the near future.

Housing resolution – The Priest Associate's housing resolution was provided to the vestry in writing Dave motioned to accept Allison's housing resolution as presented, second motioned followed by Michelle. Motion carried 7/0/0.

Circle Way Check Out and Lord's Prayer (closing)

Time and date of next meeting March 13th 12 pm at CMEC.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jenn Patterson

Class of 2022

David Peterson III

Sharon Shutovich

Deb Williams

Class of 2023

Erin Ryan

Robin Kessler

Class of 2024

Jennifer Patterson

Michelle Walczak

Joseph Koons