**Vestry Meeting Minutes**

**September 22,2021**

Attendance:Alison Banker**,** Denise Cabana, Mitch Chester, Rich Connell, Bob Dugger, Lisa Gleason, Becky Lee, Dob O’Donnell, Erin Perrelli, Joyce Reynolds, Cheryl Turner

Finance Committee Members: Rick Edwards, Don Gardner, Pat Goodrich

The Vestry meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM and began with an opening prayer

### Dwelling in the Word: James 1:17-27

**Checking in:**

* Prayers of healing for Deb and John O’Donnell’s son James, a police officer, who was injured in the line of duty. Now in rehabilitation at Gaylord Hospital.
* Becky Lee update on “Building a Beloved Community Team” planning a kick-of event during advent

**Discussion**

* Vestry Minutes from August Meeting – August 25, 2021 Meeting minutes submitted by Deb O’Donnell - Motion made by Rich Connell to approve; Bob Dugger second. Vestry unanimously approved with corrections

Vestry Minutes August 4, 2021 reviewed. Motion to approve by Becky Lee and seconded Joyce Reynolds. Unanimously approved by Vestry

* Treasurer’s Report
  + $90,800 decrease out of the general account reflecting moving Joining Jesus funds into a separate account renamed “Joining Jesus Funds.” $79,000. (Additional expenses $1000 Faith N Action, Loan payment to ECCT)
  + Pledge revenue improved between July and August
  + Motion made by Deb O’Donnell to accept the Treasurer’s Report; Lisa Gleason second. Vestry voted to unanimously accepted the Treasurer’s Report
* Ventilation update – Rich Connell purchasing standing units at $1700/each for nine units and replacement filters. Don Gardner reported $9000 for additional duct work to pull air from outside and not from the basement. Initial quote completing filtration system $91,000. Awaiting two additional quotes
* Heating system – Mitch Chester met today with company to replace the pneumatic heating system. Awaiting a quote.
* St. Michael’s chapel – North side boards are rotting, unstable, unsafe structure leaving St James Church currently liable for any possible injury. Mitch estimates a full weekend of repair with many volunteers. Temporarily the initial step will be repaired. Mitch and Rich will take a second look. Is this a structure we want to keep?
* Outdoor worship – Positive feedback this past Sunday 67-member sin attendance. 25 members on ZOOM. People expressing a desire to have more worship services out of doors. Next service planned for October 17, 2021 with welcome back lunch and games.
* Survey updates/results to date Denise reinforced to the Vestry they need to be the one to make the final decision. Polling the congregation as to what they want, may not be possible based on the current finances. If Denise leaves St. James ECCT will not allow St James call a FT Rector. Are we willing to use endowment funds to sustain a Rector for five years? Are we willing to shift the Joining Jesus Funds to sustain a FT Rector? What does a PT Rector mean for St James? An additional meeting will be called in two weeks to review all the data again and call a vote for a Vestry decision; FT or PT Rector.
* Continued discussion on financial issues

We will begin to discuss our book, *Quietly Courageous* at the October meeting, we will read Part One for our discussion.

Next Meeting October 6, 2021 at 7 PM

Adjourned 9:10 PM

**Closing Prayer**  - Mitch