St. James Episcopal Church

Glastonbury, CT 06033

Vestry Minutes

August 22, 2018

**Present**: Denise Cabana, Cheryl Turner, John O’Donnell, Jeannette Brown,

Mitch Chester, Janet Donston, Lisa Gleason,

Bob Dugger, Mary Jo Logan, Joyce Reynolds, Jeff Brown, Bea Farlekas

**Absent**: Rod Neaveill, Susan Wright

**Opening Prayer:** 7:10 PM

**Dwelling in the Word:** John 6:56-69

**Learning Session: Reclaiming Jesus Article**

Christian Leader’s Responsibilities. Who is Jesus for us today …..

Ask ourselves, Are we Christians first, or Americans first?

**Checking In:**

1. The Shed is here and already being used.
2. St. Mark’s is good with us waiting until after the New Year to see if they will be able to partner with us hiring a Youth Minister.
3. Beginning in September, the Vestry will be reading “Speaking Christian” by Marcus Borg.
4. Update on the “Non-Event Fundraiser” $ 7,300. Thank you Jeannette for the idea and all the work on this project. This fundraiser will go toward resolving our $8000 budget deficit for this year.
5. When to reschedule the Casablanca Movie?
6. A special thank you to the Worship Committee for a vibrant summer.

**Discussion**:

1. Faith N Action Funding – Funding and the use of funds – Deferred
2. Fundraising aspect of Stewardship - Deferred
3. Wednesday Nights: Adult Forum
   1. First and Third Wednesday Nights: Adult Learning Session
   2. Second Wednesday – 5:30 PM Panera’s Supper and Discussion
   3. Fourth Wednesday - Vestry

**Decisions:**

1. Treasurer’s Report – Bob Dugger presented the Treasurer’s Report for July

* Pledges had been running close to budget at $20,000 per month. July was down and August will be critical to watch. The summer months are critical as pledges traditionally fall off in the summer with lower attendance.
* Joyce Reynolds will be added to the checking account and all the investment accounts as of February 17, 2018.
* Monies were approved to be moved from the Capital Account into the Investment Account
* The independent audit was accepted and approved.
* A motion with second was made to accept the Treasurer’s Report. A unanimous vote of approval followed.

1. The corrected Vestry Minutes from June were accepted and approved.
2. The Vestry wants to sincerely thank Denise for opening her home and treating the Vestry to dinner. It was a relaxing yet productive meeting with fellowship.

After closing prayer the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM -

**Next Vestry Meeting: September 26, 2018.**