St. James Episcopal Church

Glastonbury, CT 06033

Vestry Minutes

February 28, 2018

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

Rod Neaveill, Bea Farlekas, Mitch Chester, Janet Donston, Lisa Gleason, Susan Wright,

Jeff Brown, Jay Gibson, Joyce Reynolds

Absent: Mary Jo Logan

Guest: Alex Hillis – Clothing Shed project - project sells donated clothing in bulk to sorting and shipping companies who have contracted with US Government agencies for distribution to 44-countries and throughout the US

St. Pauly Textile, Inc. – Clothing Drop off Shed to be placed at St. James

* Revenue Generating
* Requires a St James member to be present 10-15 minutes twice per week to move the donations around inside the shed, keeping the drop-off window free. Nick Monsarrat has already volunteered
* Pick up once per week

Discussion followed: Location of the shed at the back corner lot by the veterinarian office. Concerns: Illegal drop-off items, Planning and Zoning Committee approval, Competition with Good Will.

A motion was made to have the Clothing Shed placed on the grounds of St James. The motion was seconded and approved with unanimous agreement.

**Dwelling in the Word:**

**Learning Session**: Learning Session: The Agile Church - “Innovative and flexible in order to achieve change.” How well do we walk with people and assist them to connect their spiritual journey into their lives? How well do we create a safe community for members to share their personal stories?

**Checking In:**

1. Janet: Alter Guild is calling for more volunteers.
2. Anonymous donor offering to seal the points on the stone of the church for waterproofing, or replace all the toilets in our lavatories. Vestry: recommended accepting the gift to seal the points on the church
3. Vestry Coffee Hour March 11 and April 15th.
4. Last Sunday Breakfast - Discussion to place a “Basket for donations” to assist with funding the breakfasts. Anonymous donor currently paying the costs to provide day care during the breakfast.

**Discussion**:

1. Marie Dixon Proposal to host a soup kitchen at St James – Deferred to the March Meeting
2. Vestry Retreat details
3. Art N Abby Income: All proceeds from ticket sales will go to fund Faith in Action. Some portion of the remaining proceeds will be dedicated to operations to correct a portion of the budget deficit for this year.
4. Glastonbury has taxed us for the rental income on the parking lot from Whole Foods.
5. Second Fundraiser: Christmas Tea
6. Third Fundraiser: In-house fund raiser June 9, 2018.
7. River of Life Ministries: Nigerian parish looking in East Hartford and Glastonbury for worship space. Looking to rent the Parish Hall and one Sunday school room - Sundays 1 -3 PM; and one space Fridays 6:30-8:30 PM.

A motion was made to accept this proposal with second and unanimous approval.

**Decision Items:**

1. Covenant was adopted with unanimous consensus.
2. Parochial Report: Corrections
   1. page 5: add Blood Drives, Lunch in the Park, AA Meetings and Pet Adoption
   2. page 3 107 Pledging Units

A motion was made to accept the Parochial Report with Corrections. The motion was accepted, seconded, and unanimously approved.

**Treasurer’s Report**: No Treasures Report

After closing prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM

**Next Vestry Meeting: March 28, 2018.**