St. James Episcopal Church

Glastonbury, CT 06033

Vestry Minutes

May 22, 2019

**Present**: Cheryl Turner, John O’Donnell, Jeannette Brown, Bob Dugger, Bea Farlekas

 Joyce Reynolds, Lisa Gleason, Denise Cabana, Rich Connell, Jeff Brown

**Absent**: Susan Wright, Mitch Chester

**Dwelling in the Word:**  Mathew 14:22-33

**Information:** Burbio “up and running”

Minutes from the last meeting approved and accepted with corrections.

**Discussion**:

1. Last Sunday Breakfast - May 26, 2019
2. New Comers Dinner June 3, 2019
3. June 13, 2019 St Mark’s Church hosting “Joseph and the Technicolor Dream Coat”

 St James will be hosting 100 of the young people in the production for dinner.

 4. Heads Up Hartford starting camp at Ethel Walker School – June 20 2019

 5. June 2, 2019 Jazz Group on the lawn

“Joining Jesus Campaign” Anna Sofia now in Matt’s Office one day per week.

Chairs are identified and beginning to meet with donors.

Safe Church Practices:

ECCT updated the practices in January 2019. Policies are revised to safe guard children and vulnerable adults. Changes require new requirements for Safe Church Training including policy changes (Section IV) for off site events and Lay Eucharist Ministers.

Discussion Deferred to Next Month:

1. Are we following the guidelines?

2. How are we communicating changes with the congregation?

3. Are we in compliance?

4. Further questions to consider?

6. Hiring a Youth Person

 Following a discussion, a motion was proposed to move forward with the hiring of a PT Christian Education Leader for August 1, 2019. The motion was accepted and unanimously approved.

Selection committee will be Mitch. Lisa, Joyce and Denise.

9-month budgeted position/20-hours per week. With the focus “Enhancing our Youth Program.”

**Treasure’s Report** – Checking account shows decrease, however, pledges still ahead for the year. There is a recent slowing placing us $2,000 under budget for the past month. There was an overall correction due to pre-paid pledges for the year and an extra month of paid parking from Whole Foods. These two corrections, place us overall ahead for the year.

As a result, we remain in “good shape.”

Expenses have been slightly over yet remain overall $4600 ahead of budgeted expenses year to date for three reasons:

No payment for a Christian Ed Director

 Jody has a decrease in her hours

 Whole Foods paid taxes but we will owe taxes for July

The Treasures Report was approved an accepted unanimously by the Vestry

The Treasure’s report was approved and unanimously accepted by the Vestry.

**Next Vestry Meeting: June 26, 2019**

**Closing prayer – Adjourned 9 PM**