**St. James Episcopal Church**

**Glastonbury, CT 06033**

**Vestry Minutes**

**October 23, 2019**

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

Joyce Reynolds, Jeff Brown, Susan Wright, Lisa Gleason

Bea Farlekas, Denise Cabana, Mitch Chester, Rich Connell

Opening Prayer: 7:00 PM

Learning Session: “God doesn’t cause suffering but redeems it. And calls us to join in the work of renewing and reconciling and redeeming all things. The future is open and full of possibilities. We must embrace the awesome role we are invited to play in it.” East Lake Community Church

Discussion followed.

Checking In:

1. Shawl Ministry currently storing materials and finished projects at Kay

Ferris’ home; now seeking storage at the church. Suggestions included

purchasing locked cabinet for storage in the library/ possibly the upstairs

loft area.

2. Karaoke Success! Small enthusiastic crowd, lots of fun.

Thank you, Susan Wright.

3. Pet Adoption/ Blessing of the Animals was a huge success with 79 dogs/

variety of other pets presenting for a blessing. Double Dog Rescue

recruiting foster families. Thank you, Bea Farlekas.

4. Lay Preacher’s Class – 4 participants

5. December 15 - Christmas Pageant at the barn in Portland in collaboration

with St Luke’s Episcopal Church.

6. December 14 - Christmas Tea

7. December 8 - Bishop’s Visit. Vestry meeting following one service at 10 AM.

8. November 14 - Author Fundraiser Event with CT Author Diane Sheehan

Shovak, “Deceit.”

Discussion:

1. Minutes approved from the September Vestry Meeting
2. “Joining Jesus Campaign” Approximately $730,000

Plans:

* 1. New kitchen with architectural plan to review by Vestry
  2. New roof awaiting a final quote
  3. Trim around the outside of the church needs repair and repainting
  4. Additional funds to the Endowment Fund

3. Treasurer’s Report (see attached)

a. Expenses are under YTD (Christian Ed Director position, Taxes, under spending on a couple of the commissions).

b. Revenue on budget

c. Treasurer’s Report Approved by the Vestry

4. Collaboration with St Luke’s Episcopal Church

a. St Luke’s calling quarter-time priest

b. St Luke’s Senior Warden Jeff Mooney agrees to call the vestry

groups together for meet and greet on November 10 at St James.

Next step, a scheduled meeting with Tim Hodapp to explore the

possibilities of a closer working relationship/joint efforts between the

two parishes.

5. Denise announced the official postponement of her sabbatical until 2021

a. Vestry questioning how to relieve the demands and additional

responsibilities on Denise.

b. Vestry proposed additional funding for supply priest in next year’s

budget.

6. Bishop’s Vestry Homework Assignment reviewed and completed.

Thank you, Bea Farlekas.

After closing prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Next Vestry Meeting: November 20, 2019.