

Approved

The Rev. Joanna Hollis called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rev. Joanna Hollis; Sheila Cooper, Rector's Warden; Mark McMahon, People's Warden; Bruce Anderson; Gordon Arsenoff; Wendy Benjamin; Nayla Caruso; Jim Nichols; Shannon Pullaro

STAFF PRESENT: Rev. Daphne Roberts, Dcn., Rev. Jane Esmonde, Priest Intern

DISCIPLESHIP

Opening prayer was led by Sheila Cooper
Dwelling in the Word 1 *Thessalonians* 5:1-11

Listening Sessions Follow-up (Sheila Cooper)

Members reviewed and discussed the information gathered from the parish-wide listening sessions. The information gathered will be used to discern the search for a permanent music minister.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Minutes of the October 10, 2023 Vestry Meeting

Sheila Cooper moved to approve the minutes with one correction. Seconded by Shannon Pullaro. The minutes were approved with one abstention.

Financial Report

The financial reports were reviewed and received, subject to audit. Mark McMahon expressed concern about the expected draw down on investments. The matter will be discussed in detail at the next Finance Committee meeting.

Stewardship

Shannon Pullaro thanked the members of the Stewardship Committee. Additional growth is still possible by reaching out to members who have pledged in the past, but have not done so this year. Members divided the list and will contact them.

Topics on the Minds of the Vestry

- Rev. Hollis ○ Expressed her gratitude for her recent retreat. ○ Rev. Hollis will be meeting with Rev. Joan Mason relative to the vestry retreat. ○ The Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held at the New Brunswick PAC.
 - She'll be reading and presenting a reflection 12/9 at the Kirkpatrick Chapel.
- Sheila Cooper ○ New Brunswick PAC is presenting Jesus Christ Superstar. She's happy to put together a dinner prior to the show for anyone who is interested.

- The Angel Tree will be devoted to parish ministries (Laundry Love, Rector's Discretionary Fund, Men's Shelter)
- Bruce Anderson is seeking suggestions for targeting 25-40-year-old new members.

Key Topics

1. The Vestry spent much of our meeting discussing the results of the parishioners listening sessions about the future of our music ministry. The focus, so far, has been on inclusivity and creativity.
2. The Vestry had a robust conversation about the finances in preparation for the December budget meeting and the Annual Meeting in January.
3. The Annual Meeting Planning Committee has held its first meeting. They are seeking candidates for the next Vestry members chairing Finance & Stewardship, among other roles. Please reach out to Meegan Adames if you are interested, have questions or wish to nominate someone.

The meeting was adjourned by Rev. Hollis at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Terry Ann Schwarz
Recording Secretary