

## St. Luke's Vestry of the Whole Minutes for March 10, 2024

**Present:** Kathy Hansen, Michael Ferree, Judy Lewis, Danita Hollinger, Esther Agbo, Mary Gruber, Ann Holley, Samuel Agbo, Jilda J. Tate, Jan Hickok, Betsy Blank, Sally Ferree, Hunter Perry, Roger Taber, Alice Baker-Taber, Leann Brooks

**Opening Prayer:** 9:55 am, Ann Holley

**Adoption of Agenda:** Closing comment added to the Agenda. **Motion to adopt Agenda - Motion,** Leann Brooks, **Second,** Mike Ferree. **Agenda adopted.**

**Adoption of Minutes:** Include Priest's Discretionary funds to stay with the church. **Motion to adopt Minutes—Motion,** Janice Hickok, **Second,** Mary Gruber. **Minutes adopted.**

**Reports:** **Motion to accept the reports (Ann Holley's was verbal).** **Motion,** Leann Brooks, **Second,** Mary Gruber

**Reaffirmation of Vestry Covenant:** Covenant read out loud.

### **Information:**

- A. The Executive Committee approved the 2023 Parochial Report.
- B. A grant request for the stairs was submitted to the Diocese of El Camino Real.
- C. Canon Martha Korienek has re-posted our call for a priest, in the Episcopal News Service Job Board, free until Easter. A featured listing, at a later date is an option.
- D. Marnie Burkhardt said the polling place at St. Luke's went well and people were pleased with the set-up. Brooks Pecot's crew did a beautiful job. \*Judy Lewis will write a thank you note to Brooks Pecot and family.

### **Old Business:**

A. The executive committee recommended that we accept Ferrell's Building Solutions estimate for the stairs of \$38,900 and secure it with a \$500 deposit (included in the total.) Payment breakdown: \$500 acceptance of the estimate; \$15,000 at completion of the concrete; \$10,000 upon completion of framing; \$13,400 on completion of the job, for a total of \$38,900. **Motion to Accept recommendation,** Judy Lewis, **Second,** Mary Gruber. **Passed.**

### **New Business:**

- A. Mike Ferree reported that St. Luke's has a building permit for the stairs, and that the permit department was wonderful to work with.
- B. Discussion on 'What to do without a fulltime priest' ensued. One possibility is to have a priest on call, as suggested by Bishop Lucinda. This would be contractual, and more discussion and information are needed.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Junior Warden, Ann Holley, reported that Julie, St. Luke's janitor, is having some health problems and will not be able to continue working. Her brother and her mother will replace her in the position for two hours a week. Mike Ferree signed the ORI application and it's ready to submit to the state. Mike Ferree will be the Custodian of Record when we get ORI back.

**Treasurer's Report:** Please see the Financial Statements for full coverage of St. Luke's financial status. Leann Brooks reported that total Operating Accounts were *about* \$15,000; Money Market \$36,500; Trust and Endowment \$18,000; checking \$41,000; Bergen Unrestricted

Bequest \$53,000. Leann said financially, St. Luke's is very healthy at this time. **Motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion, Betsy Blank, Second, Mary Gruber. Accepted.**

**Closing Statement:** Mike Ferree stated that in the two months of being St. Luke's Sr. Warden he has been getting so much out of the position and praised members for their support.

**One Word Meeting Summary:** Good, pleasant, great, positive, relieved, informative, uplifting, ok,

The meeting adjourned with a final prayer by Ann Holley, at 10:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted by Alice Baker-Taber, Clerk of the Vestry

**\*Action items are in bold and underlined.**