

## **St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**

### **Vestry Minutes May 16, 2023**

Present: Rev. Jim Liberatore, Lulu Holmes, Suzanne Lambremont, Kristie Lovelady, Rosemary Moore, Jim Johnson, Michele Hall, Connie Thompson, Pam Senior, Onica Thompson.

**Formation and check in:** Prayer offered by Onica Thompson members reported on who was their spiritual mentor.

#### **Rector:**

- Safeguarding classes need to be scheduled
- A meeting was held with the new Welcoming Team. Fr. Jim will meet with Outreach, Fellowship and Worship teams in July
- Fr. Jim will upkeep Facebook
- Peggy Bland will upkeep the web page
- Megan Cropper will balance the bank statements monthly
- All the projects in preparation to call a new Rector are proceeding well
- We will approach the Foundation to provide seed money for a Maintenance Fund. This will be a tax free Capital Fund

#### **Senior Warden:**

- Due to the difficulty of finding batteries for the AED we will look into the price of a new machine

#### **Junior Warden:**

- Entergy will come on May 18 to arrange installation of new lighting
- Emergency exit lights in the church and Broce Hall will be repaired, bids are being made
- Lawn care will remain with the current company

#### **Treasurer:**

- The monthly report was presented
- Financial Snapshot will be included in the Newsletter

#### **The following resolutions were approved and passed:**

- Be it resolved the Memorandum of Understanding between All Saint's Episcopal School and St. Stephen's will be presented to the school for agreement.
- Be it resolved to accept a quote from Thermacon and replace the compressor unit, including parts, labor and 1 year warranty costing \$3,891.

- Be it resolved that, the vestry publish and incorporate the following expectations of leadership.
  - Vestry, Council Reps, EM's, Lectors, Lay Readers, Ministry heads should be confirmed communicants in good standing and follow the Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of the Episcopal Church.
  - Have a sound personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
  - Uphold the mission of St. Stephen's Church.
  - Regularly attend worship services.
  - Have a good relationship with parishioners.
  - Have ongoing participation in the life of St. Stephen's.
  - Give freely of their time and talents by volunteering for the betterment of St. Stepnens.
  - Assume responsibility for tasks and ministries undertaken
  - Welcome others to serve in their ministry and train new members.

Rosemary Moore closed the meeting with a prayer