

St. John's Episcopal Church, Sharon, PA
Vestry Meeting
March 18, 2023, 7:00pm, Chapel/Upstairs Dining Room
Minutes

1. Evening Prayer in Chapel followed by business meeting called to order
2. Review of Minutes. John moved approval of minutes. Barb seconded. Motion carried.
3. Financial Reports were presented and discussed. Fr. Adam noted he was going to check on a number of things with Tony. Dick moved approval of financial reports. John seconded. Motion carried.
4. Revote on Deputies to Diocesan Convention.
 - Father Adam reported that we only get two deputies to Convention this year, but will get three next year.
 - Father Adam also reported on potential issues at Diocesan Convention over the next two years and the work of General Convention this summer, including his work on Title IV legislation and the election of the next Presiding Bishop, with candidates to be announce at the beginning of April. Father Adam has spent the past six years as part of the Standing Commission dealing with churchwide canon and governance issues, and that term expires this summer, as well.
 - Mark volunteered to remove himself from being a delegate to Diocesan Convention and the vestry consented.
 - Shane discussed the parish's participation in the recent Diocesan Listening session and the positive response to the church's Beloved Community, Love First and other ministries.
5. Parochial Report Approval. The parochial report was discussed. John moved approval. Barb seconded Motion carried.
6. Building Updates
 - Barb showed pictures of the bell tower taken by Greer. It shows surface rust and two webs that must be reinforced with steel plates. The bells are in good condition.
 - The Back door in Allen Hall needs a new hydraulic door part for a bit over \$200. Barb is ordering the part.
 - The foosball table has been fixed.
 - There is a new light in the columbarium
 - Sharon Windows will be cleaning the Allen Hall windows after Easter for \$75.

- Basement Asbestos Removal has been completed. They are now starting the walls and painting the floor. No one can be downstairs until this work is done so as not to mess up the floor in ways that will prevent the paint from adhering. They are also removing the wooden flooring in the sewing room due to its deterioration and water damage
- The sump pump in the boiler room needs to be fixed. We will look at the timing of doing this work so it doesn't interfere with the basement floor work.

7. Staff Updates

- Cleaning: Michael is now beginning a program for six months where we hire him as staff and get reimbursed for his wages by the state.
- Tina transition: Ron met with Tina and got all the flower information, which was the last piece of work she was doing. He also got her computer password and a thumb drive with all her files.

8. Other items

- Adam away (visit mom in San Diego): Mon, May 20-Tues, May 28
- General Convention in Louisville: June 21-July 9
- Shane recommended a Welcoming Sunday, and Father Adam shared the welcoming bags that had been given out in the past.
- Shane talked about the Salad Day at Greater Morris Chapel AME church that a number of parishioners attended and the hopes to invite their congregation for a "Taco and Talk" or other event at St. John's.
- Some parishioners are interested in a Last Wishes pamphlet of some type for their funeral requests. Options were discussed and John will follow up with folks to see what would be most helpful and follow up with Father Adam.
- Fr. Adam discussed using the 3 Colors of Ministry for discussion at future vestry meetings, which was agreeable to the vestry.
- **Next Meeting will be April 11 at 7:00pm**

9. Adjourned at 8:20pm