

## **Minutes of Vestry January 18, 2022**

Members Present: Reverend Annette Joseph, Sue Balsamo, Cheryl Essner, Kevin Hampton, Nona Nan Chapman (Zoom), Gina Thomas and Julie Wittenborn-Sikorski. Also present: Treasurer, Monica Waldon, and Bruce Mims, Finance Committee Member

**Reverend Annette opened the meeting with prayer at 6:05 p.m.**

**The Minutes** of December 14, 2021, were approved as circulated.

**Treasurer's Report – Monica Waldon** (Refer to reports)

- CEC Financial Statement reveals an Annual Net Loss of \$2,372.00
- The Proposed 2022 Budget has been finalized for submission.

**Rector's Report – Rev. Annette**

“In December Kevin, Bob Lowe and I met with The Rev. Clive Samson from Faith India Church in St. Louis. He wanted to establish a ministry to the Tagulu and Tamil speaking Indian students on the SEMO campus. This past Friday we met with the students in the parish hall. Forty students showed up to celebrate the Tamil feast of Pongal. It was a lovely time and we met so many students. 90% of them are Tamil speaking who came. We will continue this monthly; Joshua will be in charge of coordinating this with Clive and Sujanna, his wife.

The Bishop issued stricter guidelines about COVID. Small groups can still meet, as long as they mask and are socially distant. Encourage the number of people attending church to be smaller. I have copied off the new guidelines which were sent out last week.

I would like to start a new thing on Wednesday's once this next variant of omicron settles down. I was thinking of calling it “A Deeper Dive” and would include talk around a meal.”

**Senior Wardens' Report – Kevin Hampton**

- The Annual Meeting has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:45, following the morning Eucharist. A Virtual option will be offered for those not wishing to attend in person. Kevin and Nona Nan will remain on the Vestry until new members are elected.
- Bob Lowe and Karl Muench have agreed to serve as Co-Senior Warden, if elected.
- A Thank you note has been sent to the family of Charlotte Bess for the gift of funds.

**Junior Warden's Report – Gina Thomas**

- The Vestibule light has been repaired and replaced.
- A possible leaf problem in our gutters is being researched.

## **Food Ministry – Cheryl Essner**

1. In 2021, Hunger Ministry (HM) provided food boxes to 337 households, including over 750 people with over 200 children and over 50 veterans. HM also served approximately 520 Community Meals.
2. HM ended 2021 with assets of \$4,215, spent \$2,886, realizing a net gain of \$1,329. HM received approx. \$1,200 from the Dioceses Task Force on Hunger, deeming HM self-sufficient for 2021.
3. Christmas meal was a huge success. It is estimated that 83 meals were provide. Social media was effective publicity. Several meals were even delivered to people living in local parks.
4. A donation of a new Apple iPad was received, eliminating dependance on Christ Church.
5. HM received Vestry approval to purchase service carts.
6. COVID restrictions are being followed at Fountain House.

## **Additional Items**

- Cheryl reported we need to improve our communication as some have had issues navigating our Newsletter online. Previously, Approved Minutes of each Vestry meeting were put into a file online, however, they will now (in addition) be posted on the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary.

Time of Gratitude was shared by vestry members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. with reciting of the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted,  
Nona Nan Chapman, Clerk

*Approved February 15, 2022*