

23 Jan 24 6:30pm

Vestry meeting held in church cafe

Attending: Nelson, Eliza, Win, Anne, Liz, Susan, Antonette, Elaine, Joanna

Opened with Prayer from NZ prayer book

Formation:

Around the room we read our values from "Our Mission & Values"

We each then reiterated the one that spoke to us as individuals

Read again to listen to which speaks to our work as a church

Discussion of how to help Eliza deal with the burden of coping with the number of people who contact the church office for help

Third reading for how we each can contribute in one or more of these values

We finished Formation time with Antonette reading aloud Our Mission

Antonette moves we approve the December minutes as published by Kathy, Diane seconds.

The motion passes unanimously

Win passed around a paper schedule for sign-ups to count the contents of the safe every two weeks on Mondays. Trained people sign in left column, untrained in right column. Untrained people will learn from the trained people.

Payroll is done by Win every two weeks, he needs help when he is traveling. Anne agreed to do May 2024 while Win is away. He will train her.

Treasurer's Report:

Our cash position is strong, though artificially inflated by some recent deposits.

2023 Expenses were very close to even as income and expenditures were within a \$1000 delta.

Nicole has asked us to find another bookkeeper. Nelson is in agreement that we should look for a new person or service. John Melvin found a job description from 2014, but Nelson hasn't had time to review it yet. Anne gave her opinion that we should aim at hiring an individual who would be on our site doing our books, as the added expense of hiring a service didn't benefit us as expected.

AYCP: Lisa's medical benefit paid in cash to Lisa is both taxable to her and costing the AYCP account like \$2000 more a year. Win explained the situation to Lisa and no change was proposed.

No financial report distributed because Nelson is still finding too many mistakes in it. He expects to be ready by the printing date of 2/5 for the annual report.

Nelson offered an hour session to Vestry (and others if interested) of training to read the financial report.

Tentatively we will dedicate an hour of our February meeting, if the agenda allows

Team assignments

We went over page 3 of the Retreat write-up and made sure there is a Vestry person associated (liaison) with each committee, group or project. The list will be sent in a separate message.

Election Delegates:

Determined by the size of the parish we need only three new persons to put on the ballot for election to the 2025 class. After brainstorming six names were proposed to Liz and Eliza to contact and ask if they would be willing to serve. The commitment has reduced in Covid years from a two day in person convention to a 4 hour zoom meeting in November. Persons elected this year will attend as alternates, and as voting delegates in 2025.

Annual Reports for 2023 have been requested by Kathy Butler for each area / committee / responsibility. The paragraphs are due to Kathy & Chrys by 2/5 so they can prepare them for the printed handout for the 2/10 meeting.

We Ok'ed Eliza to get a consultant's bid for figuring out and fixing our computer and electronic communication problems. Many of us have not received, or have had to look through our junk mail to find, messages sent to Vestry and Worship group lists.

No report-out to Parish

Ended meeting at 9:30

Respectfully submitted, Anne Baker