

MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 10, 2024

In attendance: Kevin Sangster, Andy Listman, Pat Schaffer, Darlene Watson, Al King, Denise and Lillian Knott.

The meeting began at 11:09 a.m. with prayer said by all.

Minutes: The date of Diocesan Convention should be November 23 and not November 10 as reflected in the Minutes. A Motion was made by Andy Listman to accept the Minutes as corrected and seconded by Al King. All were in favor and the Motion passed.

Matters Arising:

1. Andy will train the altar ladies so they can rotate serving and stepping in when Andy is absent.
2. VEMs need to visit the sick/shut-ins they are assigned.
3. The wrong size vinyl logo was sent to cover the old logo on the sign board out front. A new set is being sent by the vendor and Ken King will install when next he is in the area.
4. Kevin reminded Al to contact South Jersey Gas too for the energy audit, as our gas bill is more concerning than our electric bill.
5. Kevin reminded Al that the sexton should complete the fall cleanup before it starts getting too cold.

Correspondence and Announcements:

The Convention will be held on November 24, 2024, and is hybrid or in person at Trinity Cathedral.

Our Christmas Eve Service will be held at 5:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m.

Our Annual Meeting and Elections will take place on Sunday, January 26.

We will dedicate a portion of our next meeting, as time permits, or set aside another time, like a Saturday morning, to discuss our outreach and evangelism plans for 2025.

Great Gifts and Promos gave Kevin a quote for 45 Polo shirts for \$790.00. The mission board approved the purchase.

Margaret McCafferty has tendered her resignation from the Mission Committee and the Outreach Committee effective November 10, 2024.

Treasurer's Report: Denise King corrected the summary page for mission outreach to accurately reflect all our expenses from January to the present. Only the monthly GIFT program expense was being factored into the summary, so the correction was done to capture all outreach expenses YTD. This change only affects the Summary page. Our financial reports have accurately reflected these expenses.

Andy Listman made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and was seconded by Al King. All were in favor and the Motion passed.

Senior Warden's Report: The focus for 2025 for Outreach and Evangelism will be, "Looking to Bring Others In". The more we are out in the community the better to let others know that we are here for them.

Kevin is planning on having all of the photos of the past and present priests with their dates of service hung up by early January 2025.

Kevin has asked Gail Cecchini and Regina Listman to work on updating the church history from 1994 to the present by next spring.

Junior Warden's Report: The ramp has been repaired, with all the loose boards secured.

The safe that is in the undercroft still cannot be opened. Al is waiting to hear from the locksmith to see if he'll find a way to open it.

The elevator failed inspection but it's an easy fix. The inspector said the phone was not working, but the phone is working. I used it to call the inspector. We can use the elevator now.

Fundraising: The basket auction was a success. We sold 250 luncheon tickets. Our total profit for the event was \$11,865.28. We noted that we will find something to replace the paper bags we use for the tickets because the tickets oftentimes get stuck in them.

On December 15, 2024, we will pull the winning tickets at 11:00 a.m. for our Christmas Raffle. We have one more outside event to sell tickets on December 7, at Winter on The Avenue in Atco.

Stewardship: October was stewardship month, and we reflected on the ways we can give our time, talent, and treasure to the church, particularly with a focus in 2025 in evangelizing and bringing people in.

Pledges: 17 people have pledged to Estimate of Giving, 9 to the Capital Fund, 6 to the Good Shepherd Family Fund, 4 to the Scholarship Fund, and 5 to the Mission Outreach Fund.

Old Business: Al was given until the next meeting to provide a further update on the proposed directional signs for the church.

We plan on having two raffles in 2025, one in the spring and one at Christmas.

New Business: Kevin received a quote of \$790 for 45 polo shirts from Great Gifts for our parishioners for Christmas. It was put to a vote and all voted in favor.

Christmas cards were ordered for Carole Marella to send out to parishioners and shut ins.

The Mission Committee has decided to recognize Susan Liberta for all of her hard work helping us make baskets and providing many supplies for the baskets and many donations. We are purchasing a plaque of recognition and a gift card for dinner for \$100.00

Effective January 1, 2025, our music director, Lois Durham will receive a pay increase. He will be paid \$200.00 per service.

Minimum wage is increasing so effective January 1, 2025, our Office Administrator and our Sexton will be paid \$15.00 per hour.

We went through the Preliminary 2025 Budget to discuss some of the line items, particularly the larger ones. Kevin pointed out that we will run a deficit for 2025; however, we are carrying over some reserves from 2024 that will help to offset the deficit. Moreover, it is anticipated that some parishioners will give more, and we will attract new members who can increase the amount of our giving.

Adjournment: A Motion was made by Al to end the meeting and was seconded by Andy Listman. All were in favor and the Motion passed.

The meeting ended at 1:21p.m. with prayer led by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Watson

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Mission Committee