**Holy Nativity Episcopal Church**

Vestry Meeting

April 18, 2023

**Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Holy Nativity Episcopal Church was called to order at 5:31 p.m. on April 18, 2023, at Cate Hall by Senior Warden, Tim Taylor.

**Present**

Father Tommy Townsend Jamie Clayton

Senior Warden Tim Taylor Jim Flanagan

Junior Warden Steve Roberts Karen Williams and guest

Judee Brooks Rangeley Turner (absent)

**Opening Prayer** Judee Brooks

**Check-in with Vestry Members**

Father Tommy opened the meeting by asking the members to check-in. Judee shared a touching story about her great granddaughter. Karen said she was happy to be here. Jamie shared something special from Day-by-Day and Steve allowed that everything was “Jake.”

Father Tommy reported that he felt well and invigorated. Even though attendance has been down due to Covid, he was encouraged by Easter turnout! He got rest last week and the Pastoral Care Calls are caught up! He is looking forward to The Spring Clergy Conference next week Monday-Wednesday at Honey Creek offering time for prayer and fellowship, to a good time with the Bishop and letting their hair down. Father Tommy remarked on how wonderful Dalma at 8:00 service feels our comfort and safety even though she is not a member. And to sum up his check-in, all his and Laura’s kids are healthy and have been traveling safely.

**Review and Approve March 2023 Minutes by Jim Flanagan**

Steve Roberts made a motion to approve and Jamie seconded. All in favor - Aye.

Here is Procedure for taking minutes: Type up minutes and email, print or handwrite copy and bring to Becka. She will prepare and put in Vestry file for next meeting approval. Send a copy to Tim. Let Father Tommy know of any changes.

**Financial Review – March 2023 Financials**

Tim presented Snapshot and said nothing really stands out to be concerned about. They had found an error in pledge income that was mislabeledunder general donation but will sort itself out now that it has been addressed. Father Tommy said the bottom line is he is not concerned. All in all, he is pleased. We are Right on Target. Will post on website. The quarterly statements will be sent out.

**Property Update**

Steve Roberts reported the windows in the sanctuary will be in 2nd week of May.

Father Tommy reported gutters needed to be repaired in Rectory garage which had been causing flooding.

Thumbs up on new computer which was approved previously. Should be up and running by next week.

**New Business**

1. Father Tommy advised we are getting a new intern, Becky Dorrell, coming to us from Christ Church. The Internship Agreement is coming from the Bishop. Becky is in the process of becoming a Deacon. She will start April 30 for 4 months. She will help with the liturgy at the altar and participate in Pastoral Care Calls. We hope to use her talents and skills to energize the Pastoral Care team and re-form group of those who want to be involved. She will preach at least one sermon and be of great help to Father Tommy. She is a grandma, avid pickleball player, LEM, Reader, etc. We are so excited to have her join us.
2. The Bishop is coming September 10th1 Great! We need to put dates on the calendar and coordinate with the Episcopal 101 class 1st week of August so the Bishop can welcome our new members.

**Old Business**

1. Church Speakers: Tim Taylor said we are getting speakers for the sanctuary from Mr. Kaufman from the Midwest.
2. Discernment Status Report:

Spirituality & Worship – Karen Williams is basically in a sit and wait mode with ears wide open.

In Reach - Jamie Clayton reported on the excitement generated by Mary Alice Isele in forming a New Members Committee to get people involved quickly at Holy Nativity They already have a meeting scheduled for next week, Thursday, April 27 at 5:30 p.m. in Cate Hall. Jamie has sent out a flock note invitation.

She also reported on the good job being done by Maggie Glennon with the Sailboat study class underway and great job being done by Maggie Watkins in mentoring EFM and her willingness to undertake the helm again next year.

Out Reach – Report provided by Father Tommy from notes given to him from Rangeley Turner (absent due to family illness). Idea of Brown bags for Seniors through GEM. Will turn over to Becky when she gets here. Need to follow up on ideas, in particular, to provide help to St Marks Towers in some capacity. Contact Gwen Chappelle for opportunity to identify dates, needs, etc. See Rangeley’s notes.

Personnel – Judee Brooks shared three names of people wanting to be involved in Pastoral Care so far: Karl Ullrich, Maggie Watkins, Laura Lawrence. These contacts will be given to Becky. Also, Sandy Bonilla.

Physical Property - Nothing currently from Steve Roberts. Jim Flanagan shared an email he received from concerned parishioner expressing questions regarding what is being done in response to discernment revelations about future of physical plant. Father Tommy took this opportunity to request permission from the Vestry to begin to engage the process of having someone come in and look at our needs and start a conversation about possible directions to pursue. Jim Flanagan made a motion to give Father Tommy permission to start investigating possible options. 2nd by Judee Brooks. All in favor - Aye!

Discussion followed that the need for additional classroom or meeting space has already been identified during the discernment process so Father Tommy wants to simultaneously engage this process to investigate temporary classroom opportunities.

Other Items from the Floor:

Jamie has been asked about the status of Nancy Parks. We have invited her back many times but do not know her current situation. We love her and wish her well. She was also asked about the status of the Taylor family going back to Ukraine. We do not know their details either but our role at Holy Nativity is to Pray for them, Love them and Encourage them.

Judee was approached and asked if Father Tommy could bless the food offerings from the sanctuary in order to facilitate faster service. We are a community of the Beloved! So, in the future, whoever the spirit moves should offer up the blessing. He will be glad to discuss this further with the person inquiring.

Father Tommy acknowledged Jamie for all her hard work for the Daughters of the King. He celebrates her, the DOK and is very grateful!

**Closing Prayer** Father Tommy

**Adjournment**  The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

**Minutes** Submitted by Judee Brooks