

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church  
Elyria, OH**

**Vestry Meeting Minutes November 9, 2022**

Present: Rev. June Hardy Dorsey, Bill Hebble, Judi Hudnutt, Amy Kellogg, Kathy Kerber, Mark Skladan, Jay Snider, Hans VanWormer, Karen Wells, Doug Skladan-Treasurer  
Excused: Karen Hahn

Worship, Welcome and Check in: Rev. June Hardy Dorsey  
Meeting called to order at 7:17 pm by Rev. June Hardy Dorsey  
Minutes for October meeting approved by consensus

Treasurer's Report/Finance Report – Doug Skladan

See attached

Report was accepted for audit by consensus

Rector's Report – Rev. June Hardy Dorsey

- Advent begins on Sunday, November 27. The theme is Generation to Generation
- The Columbarium Committee is scheduled to meet soon with members Joan VanWormer, Karen Wells, and Karl Kirk
- Jeanie Plas is working on a young adult college ministry grant for Next Level Summer Camp which will take place the first two weeks of June 2023, 5 days each week.
- Joan's Legacy Celebration planning continues
- June is planning a Vestry Christmas get-together.

Sr. Warden Report – Amy Kellogg

- Pledge Sunday was November 6, and advised 3 Vestry members have not yet sent their pledges
- St. Andrew's has been awarded a grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. to help cover the costs of June's Sabbatical. We are one of only 168 churches across the US, and the only Episcopal church in the Diocese of Ohio to receive this grant. We have received a check in the amount of \$50,000. Up to \$15,000 can be used by St. Andrew's to cover the costs of the interim rector, as well as to provide some "renewal activities" for the parish while June is away. The rest of the grant will be used for June's sabbatical.
- Fr. Brian Wilbert will offer supply for St. Andrew's during June's Sabbatical
- St. Andrew's is moving forward with the new copier contract and needs to arrange pick up of old the copier and time the delivery of the new copier so St. Andrew's is not left without a copier for an extended period of time.

Jr. Warden Report – Hans VanWormer

- The Labyrinth group met with a contractor and they are developing plans.
- Coit's estimate was on target in spite of extra work to strip layers of wax. A thank you note will be provided for Coit's extra effort without additional costs.

Jr. Warden report - continued

- Joan VanWormer donated a refrigerator to replace the small kitchen refrigerator which had quit working. Two Men and a Truck were hired to move the refrigerator from Joan's to the church. They also removed the old refrigerator and a freezer that had quit working.

Commission Reports

Worship – Mark Skladan – see Attached

Resource Management Commission – Amy advised that now that pledges have been received (and more are expected), the committee will continue work on the budget.

Youth Ministry – A Friendsgiving event is planned for Saturday, November 19. Ben Holcomb is now also serving at Christ Church Oberlin part-time.

Advocacy – Karen Wells

Vestry members were asked prior to the meeting to review material provided by the Episcopal Policy Network, "Faith and Citizenship, A Guide to Effective Advocacy for Episcopalians." Topics were discussed. Karen recommended we refine our approach on advocacy and she will write an article for the January Carillon.

Old Business

Amy Kellogg moved to increase the amount of the gift to Joan VanWormer, currently \$2,500, to an amount that will satisfy income and other taxes so the final net amount will be \$2,500 and for the funds to be taken from the under budget Sexton Salary account ##50551. Jay Snider seconded the motion; motion passed with one abstention.

New Business

Amy Kellogg moved to appoint Hans VanWormer, Amy Kellogg, and Bill Hebble, whose Vestry terms are expiring in January 2023, to the 2023 Vestry nominating committee. Judi Hudnutt seconded; motion passed.

Amy Kellogg moved to clarify the following Standing Resolution: *All future activity and action regarding the Carillon (Deagan Tower Chime) be referred to and be decided upon jointly by the Building and Grounds Subcommittee and the Worship Task Force and that the Carillon fund will be maintained and periodically replenished by requesting the vestry to transfer money from another account or request donations from the parish* to add "with a recommendation to the Vestry." Hans VanWormer seconded. Discussion followed and questions arose to the proper wording and intent. Amy Kellogg moved to table the motion. Hans VanWormer seconded; motion passed.

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Mark Skladan moved to accept a gift of \$25,000 from an anonymous donor to cover costs of replacement and repair of the Carillon quoted by Top Rung Company; \$17,700 for replacement, an estimated \$2,000 for repair plus additional funds for regular annual maintenance. Hans VanWormer seconded the motion; discussion followed. Concerns are that Top Rung is the only company in the US that can service our existing Carillon and we may have no way to maintain or repair our Carillon in the future if Top Rung is no longer able to offer services. It was also noted that Top Rung did repairs this past year that took 5 months longer than originally promised. Motion passed with one opposed vote.

Closing Prayer – Judi Hudnutt

Hans VanWormer moved to adjourn; Kathy Kerber seconded.

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting is December 14, 2022 at 7:00 pm on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle VanWormer  
Vestry Clerk 2022