



Resurrection Episcopal Church, Rockdale

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Vestry Meeting Minutes, June 12, 2022

Attendance: Fr. Tom Wand, Priest-in-charge, Phyllis Russell, Barbara Krisack, Helen Dunlap, Linda Leiby, Kelly McNerney, Jim Geiger, Janet Russello, Kelly McNerney, Rosemary Bezuidenhout, Absent: Jill Graham

Meeting started at 10:20 AM

1. Opening Prayer- Fr. Wand
2. Motion to accepted the May 10, 2022 and May 24, 2022 minutes with gratitude.
1st: Phyllis Russell; 2nd: Linda Leiby; all in favor
3. Forthcoming/recent events
 - a. Summer Vestry meetings
 - i. Most likely Zoom
 - ii. Please hold July 12 & August 16 if necessary
4. Financial Report (see attached doc)
 - a. Comments by Rosemary Bezuidenhout
 - i. Pledges still above budgeted.
 - ii. Diocese check for \$25,000 was deposited
 - iii. Slow moving on Diocese end for sending more money.
 - b. Counting Procedures
 - i. Still discussing with Dawn and Rosemary B.
 - ii. Will have more information next Vestry meeting.
5. Property Committee Report- Phyllis Russell, Janet Russello, Jim Geiger, Helen Dunlap
 - a. Jim, Phyllis, Janet, Helen – Super 17th duper thanks so much
 - i. Problems with neighbor Mike and steps that are church property.
 1. The steps are not used and were not visible until the previous owner cleared them to sell home.
 2. Mike, the new home owner, wants the last 3 steps fixed because he uses them to go to his mailbox, which is on church property next to driveway leading off Mount Road.
 3. The steps serve no purpose to the church and we propose to just fill in the last 3 steps with dirt and grass seed.
 4. 2 signs will be posted on the steps “Private Property: DO NOT USE” and then we will have a discussion with Mike.
 - ii. Bill Hagen: never bills us and does a tremendous amount of repair work for us.
 1. A motion was made to pay Bill Hagen \$1500.00 as a Thanksgiving offer for all the contribution to the church, 1st: Phyllis Russell, 2nd: Jude Winters; all in favor.
 - iii. Crosses:
 1. A discussion about the safety of climbing the 12-foot ladder seasonally to exchange the cross hanging from the ceiling.
 2. A motion was made that “Calvary” cross be hung on the right side of the stained-glass window wall over the shelf where the flowers are placed weekly and the “St. James” cross be hung on the left

side of the stain glass window over the shelf where the flowers are placed weekly. 1st: Phyllis Russell; 2nd Linda Leiby; all in favor.

iv. Cemetery:

1. June 16th the window panes in the steps leading to balcony are being repaired by Superior Glass.
2. Tombstones- the insurance will only pay \$1,000 per stone to be lifted and put back into place; Culles Memorials estimates it will cost @\$26,000 and will send to insurance company to lift and build a trench put quikcrete and put stones back on a flat surface. We need 22 stones done and it could possibly cost \$18,098.00
3. The crater that was created when the tree fell and was removed can't be filled in until the root is ground up- cost @\$650.00.
4. We have two trees near the tree that fell – they are rotted in the inside and the insurance company will not pay for them to remove before or after they fall. It will cost \$5,000 for both trees.
5. The estimated amount of repair for trees and stones is @\$26,000.
6. We've received no money from insurance company yet.
7. Fr. Wand is considering using his discretionary fund with advice from the wardens to help offset some of the cost @\$5,000.
8. Columbarium: Bill Hagen has a tool to remove the marble; we will then mark the niches and the door will be locked until we put the marble back up. Culles Memorial can possibly cut the marble into smaller manageable pieces and then rehung up.
9. Grave locations are almost completed and putting the deeds from the book into a spread sheet is being worked on by Helen D. and Dawn V.

v. Parking lot: still working on getting money from the diocese by Fr. Tom.

6. Warden's Report

- a. Rector: Phyllis Russell- nothing
- b. People's: Barbara: hall rental on June 26 and another possible in August

7. Priest-in-charge Report

- a. Will be gone June 28-July 7: Bishop Wright
- b. Fr. Knight and Fr. Salvai (?) will be on call for pastoral care

8. Other business added to agenda-

- a. New Altar Top – discuss next vestry
- b. Joe Bardroff of the Stewardship is concern that the death of two large donors will affect our budget next year 2023 by 25%.

9. Message to parish including Constant Contact message(s)

- i. Vacation Bishop Wright
- ii. Still working on the claims for cemetery and parking lot
- iii. Claim put in for the tree damage
- iv. Crosses being hung on the walls next to stain glass windows

10. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:00PM. 1st: Janet Russell; 2nd: Jude Winters. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Helen Dunlap
Secretary