



Resurrection Episcopal Church, Rockdale
2131 Mount Road, Aston, PA 19014
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Attendance: The Rev. Thomas C. Wand, Priest-in-Charge, Phyllis Russell, Barbara Krisack, Helen Dunlap, Linda Leiby, Kelly McNerney, Jude Winters, Janet Russello, Rosemary Bezuidenhout, Jim Geiger, and Jill Graham

Vestry Meeting —October 13, 2022

Meeting started at 7:00 PM

1. Opening Prayer—Fr. Wand
2. Motion to accept the minutes from September, 2022 with gratitude; 1st: Phyllis Russell; 2nd: Janet Russello; all in favor
3. Forthcoming/recent events
 - a. Aston Community Day—Thanks to all who helped with the event
 - b. Donna Hancock Funeral – Thanks to all who helped.
 - c. Touch-a-Truck/Trunk—October 15
 - i. Staffing- please arrive at 7:30 to set up
 - ii. Craft activity-
 1. We will have extra staff to help monitor the room.
 - iii. Rain date October 16 pm- Sunday from Noon -2
 - iv. Aston Ministerium Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service
 1. Nov. 20 6:30 PM
 2. St. Timothy Lutheran Church – Pennell Rd
4. Financial Report (see attached doc)
 - a. Pledge statements—mailed this week
 - i. Fr. Tom will draft a letter, one will go out in Oct, another in possibly Nov and one in Jan.
 - b. Comments by beloved Treasurer
 - i. Audit – Pieter Bezuidenhout will be completing our audit this year.
 - ii. Letters sent about fulfillment of Pledges of 2022.
 - iii. Motion to accept the financial report with gratitude to Rosemary and Dawn; 1st: Phyllis Russell; 2nd: Kelly McNerney
 - c. Cleanup of Fall Pledge Ingathering—Joe Bardroff will be invited to the vestry meeting on 11/9/22
 - i. Finance met and discussed the financial status of the church on Monday, September 19, 2022.
 - ii. We are ok for a year or two after this year. We need to start thinking about the next 5 years.
 - iii. Thanks to all Vestry members for helping last year with follow-up phone calls.
 - iv. Pledges need to increase 25% to meet the predicted goal set. With the death of a few parishioners this year we will be 25% decreased in the budget.

- d. Estimate of 2023 Diocesan Assessment (all in one) \$11,920 – about \$1,000 less than last year of \$12,983.
 - e. Fr. Tom's premium to Part B health insurance – going down by \$10.
5. Property Committee Report—Phyllis Russell, Janet Russello, Jim Geiger, Helen Dunlap
- a. Jim, Phyllis, Janet, Helen—Super²⁰-duper thanks for so much
 - b. Motion to authorize an email vote for \$850 payment for additional cleanup of the cemetery; 1st: Phyllis Russell; 2nd: Jim Geiger; all in favor
 - c. Additional work:
 - i. No heat in the church – pump needs to be rebuilt. It should take about 2 weeks.
 - ii. Rectory thermostat fixed
 - iii. Sexton house – work completed except the faucet still needs to be put in.
 - iv. Rectory – roofers will be back to fix the issues
 - v. Parking Lot – he did fix some of the areas like where the grass was growing through. We need a written not verbal agreement that the parking lot has a life time warrantee instead of 2 years.
 - vi. Bill Hagen bills: A bill for 56 hours to repair the preschool and sexton house (\$440 and \$2100). Motion to pay Bill for the repairs done to the preschool and Sexton house: 1st: Jim Geiger, and 2nd Jude Winters; all in favor
 - d. Cemetery – all but 3 tombstones are lifted which needs a crane to lift.
 - e. Sabrina lease agreement due 10/30
 - f. Stairs with house owner – still need to meet
 - g. Back road traffic regulation—signs are in the modular just need to be put up.
 - h. Diocesan Funding for Parking Lot Repaving—Application filed, Decision announced 11/1
 - i. ECW Grant – up to \$1200.00
 - i. Helen Dunlap will complete the application
 - ii. Asking for full amount for help with tree removal
 - j. St. James's Shed:
 - i. Roof leaking – old pictures need to be moved
 - ii. Clothing racks – need to be sold; Sarah Laxton will post it on social media for us
6. Warden's Reports
- a. Phyllis – nothing
 - b. Barbara - nothing
7. Priest-in-charge Report:
- a. 10/2-29; no coverage needed
 - b. Renewal of LEM and LEV licenses
 - c. Signed letter of agreement finally returned after 5 months
 - d. FUTURE: What do we envision us as a church in the near future?
 - i. Finances shrinking with the age of parishioners
 - ii. Should we spend down the endowments?
 - iii. How can we start growing as a parish?
8. Other business added to agenda
- a. Fleece – we are interested in other making others items beside the blankets
 - b. P & J making day for the homeless?

9. Message to parish including Constant Contact message(s)
 - a. Touch a Truck
 - b. No heat for 2 weeks
 - c. Aston Ministerium
 - d. Audit in progress
 - e. Pledge speakers: 7:30 Gary Koener; 9:00 Jill Graham
 - f. Back road signs
 - g. "Think about the future"
 - h. Seamen Institute Items
 - i. Vestry meeting moving to 2nd Thursday of the month
10. Motion to adjourn the meeting: 1st: Rosemary Bezuidenhout; 2nd: Linda Leiby; all in favor
Meeting adjourned at 8:09PM
11. Prayer

Respectfully Submitted
Helen Dunlap
Secretary