

PRESENT: Vestry Members: Mmes. Aldrich, Bourque, Larke, McCall, Neveu, Sabatine;
Messrs. Gillhooley, Rice, Stiling; ABSENT: Mrs. Wooley; GUEST: None.

1. Dawn Aldrich opened with a prayer.
2. REVIEW AGENDA: Dawn Aldrich would like to add a. Bud's Absence, b. Undercroft Floor, c. Snow Blowing under Sr. Warden report. She would also like to add coffee hour under Sr. Warden.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Christie Larke made a motion to accept the minutes of December 16, 2007 and January 20, 2008 as printed. Larry Rice seconded. Motion carried.**
5. TREASURER'S REPORT: Ed Gillhooley presented the December 2007 and the January 2008 Treasurers Report. Ed stated the finances ended well for 2007. Ed stated the snow removal would be over the budget when winter is over. The electricity is higher than projected. Ed wants to keep an eye on this as it may put us over budget also. The Treasurer's Reports were placed on file.
6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - a. Christian Education: a. Larry Rice stated that Jamie Kibble would like to go to EYE this summer. The diocese is asking that each congregation give each participant \$200 towards their registration. After a brief discussion, **Sharon Sabatine made a motion to give \$200 towards Jamie Kibble's EYE registration. Fran McCall seconded. Motion carried.**
 - b. Finance Committee: Dawn explained that the Sexton would be off for two weeks due to eye surgery. Since the church does not have a sick pay policy, as far as payroll, Dawn asked what should be done as far as paying the Sexton for his time off. Larry Rice stated it is up to the Personnel Committee to decide what should be done with the work and the payment for the job. A vote was taken and five were opposed to paying the Sexton for sick time and three were for paying the Sexton. After another lengthy discussion, it was decided to pay the Sexton for the next two weeks and see what happens after his next doctor's appointment. Dawn stated that Dennis Verrett would snow blow for Sunday's morning.
 - c. ECW Report: NONE.
 - d. Endowment Committee: Ed said things were down a bit, but he is waiting for the report from Claude Caldwell.
 - e. Outreach Committee: Dawn read a letter from Heart of Lakes Work Camp in Pickford. They will be housing a group of young people this summer who will be working on homes in the area. They are looking for donations. **Dawn Aldrich made a motion to donate \$100 to this organization. Steve Stiling seconded. Motion carried.**
 - f. Marriage Committee: Dawn and Bob are meeting with a couple who will be married this July and Susan and Dorothy are also meeting with a couple for a wedding this summer.
 - g. Communications: NONE.

7. Sr. Warden's Report: Dawn Aldrich stated the only thing not covered yet under her agenda list is the coffee hours. The vestry is responsible for Coffee Hours once a month. The vestry does the fourth Sunday of the month. Sharon Sabatine, Ruth Neveu and Linda Bourque will take care of next Sunday.
8. Jr. Warden's Report: Larry Rice presented quotes from Parker's Hardware for a new Snow Blower. The old snow blower was purchased in 1996 and is a 7HP with a 24" cut. It has been repaired numerous times. The tracks are not working as well as the auger is broken. A White snow thrower 10HP with a 28" cut that has six forward and two reverse, electric start, etc. is priced at \$1,030.00. The other one comparable to the one we own now is \$100 cheaper than the 10HP but it is an 8HP for \$930. **Linda Bourque made a motion to purchase the 10HP Snow Blower from Parker's Hardware. Dawn Aldrich seconded. Motion carried.** Larry asked when the Audit would be taken place. Dawn called a Finance Meeting for Monday, February 25, 2008 at 7pm. Pam will send cards out as a reminder.
9. Mutual Ministry: Dawn Aldrich asked that she would like the Policy Manual up and running so she can easily distinguish what is Vestry and what are Mutual Ministry concerns. Pam will get them out as soon as her toner for the copier arrives. Larry stated that the MST has asked that 10-12 Baptism booklets be purchased for the team when they are doing Baptisms. These booklets are then given to the family. They are \$4.95 a piece. Larry stated the team has discussed setting up wireless or some kind of connection over the computer so they can participate in the Bishop Discernment meetings. The team is looking into St. James' becoming members of the EUP Food Bank. The vestry asked that more information be presented before a decision can be made.
10. Old Business: NONE.
11. New Business: **a.** There is an ERC meeting in Newberry on Saturday, February 23 at 2pm. This is to elect representatives for the Eastern Region to help with the Bishop Discernment. **b.** The next vestry meeting is Sunday, March 16, 2008 at 11 a.m.

The meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Briglio
Clerk of the Vestry