

**Holy Nativity Episcopal Vestry Meeting Minutes
Tuesday August 18, 2020
Held via Zoom Virtual**

**Present: Father Tommy Townsend
Sr Warden: Robert Cooper
Jr Warden: Todd Smith
Dave Alexander
Jenny Gregory
Brett Helm
Donna Nillson**

**Absent: Sue Miller-Clerk
John Hartland: Treasurer**

The meeting was called to order with a prayer offered by Donna Nillson

The July Vestry meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Finances: Treasurer, John Hartland, provided the vestry with his notes about the July Financial report. Father Tommy provided some of those points as well as comments of his own.

- Total income was down \$3997 or 26% below budget**
- Expenses have been under budget consistently**
- For July we were below budgeted expenses by 21%**
- Year to Date we are below budgeted expenses by 6%**
- Our financial audit and review was successful. We identified a few areas of concentration and improvement. One area is in the area of counting and we are trying to recruit a new group of counters and also get a stronger commitment on those who count.**

Church Grounds:

- Sydney to fix the dip on the handicap ramp.**
- Father Tommy is looking into the possibility of removing the rotten siding on the Library bldg and painting the cinderblock beneath.**
- A recent termite inspection went well.**
- Todd Smith will meet soon with Father Tommy to discuss other repairs/maintenance that need to be addressed.**

Old Business:

- The first 4 in person worship services have been implemented relatively well. Any missteps have been corrected quickly.**

New Business:

- During the annual audit, it was questioned whether or not we should be reporting, approving and recording in the minutes any housing allowances paid toward the vicarage. Father Tommy did his research and found out that because the church owns the vicarage, no housing allowances are being made. This apparently applies to Priests that rent a home while serving the parish.
- It was agreed upon that we approve Maggie Watkin's request to hold EFM weekly meetings in person in the parish hall beginning Monday Sept 14, 5-7pm. Meetings will run thru May 2021. A Maximum of 11 people will attend. The group will abide by all the Covid19 safety guidelines.
- Recruiting someone in the parish to compile an inventory of the sanctuary and parish hall for insurance coverage was discussed. It was suggested that a video or series of pictures be made then kept in a safe place in case a claim should be filed.
- Father Tommy opened discussion about whether to hold spiritual formation meetings in person or virtual online. No conclusion was reached.
- The possibility of having a meal or Eucharist outdoors was discussed. No conclusion reached.

Father Tommy closed the meeting with prayer.

But before exiting the meeting, Donna and Neil Nillson showed us their 13 month grandson, Beckett. Not official business, but a joyful way to come to a close.

Submitted by Robert Cooper