

LAM SHEPHERDS MEETING MINUTES

October 5, 2023 OAK LEAF

In Attendance: Ray Craig (CCA), Donna Ferguson (CCA), Donna Robinson (St. Luke's), Greg Smith (St. Luke's), Bill MacLean (HT Lombardy), Rich Bradley (HT Lombardy) – minutes, Helen Lewis (HTOL), Marion Seaward (HTOL), Rhea Bennett (HTOL), Mary Haigh (LAM Treasurer), Rev. Trish Miller

Absent: Ven. Nancy MacLeod, Parish of Kitley representatives.

Opening Devotional

- In keeping with the Thanksgiving theme Trish canvassed the things for which each attendee was thankful as a parishioner and as a LAM representative. Responses for parish gifts included family, the parish family, abundant harvest, good health and the welcoming outlook of the church community. LAM gifts included leadership and progress, sharing of ideas, stewardship guidance, and thanks for the gala success. Devotions were closed with a prayer from the Moravian church.

Minutes of Previous Meeting/Action Arising

- Accepted as published. No business arising.

Congregational Development

- Trish raised the possibility of a regional service with the new Bishop at some point after his installation.

Stewardship and Financial

- St. Luke's stewardship resources were distributed consisting of covering letter, narrative budget, prayer resource, intention card and gift options. A package is given to attendees following a meal and discussion. An alternative to a meal could be a coffee hour after service. St. Luke's committee mails packages to non-core people who are on the parish list but don't attend a meal.

-Mary reviewed current financials including a budget projection to year end. The budgeted travel expenses are likely going to be exceeded. A motion was carried for treasurers to add \$200 to the November cheques.

-The table was canvassed and there are no reports of any recent green sheets being processed.

Outreach and Communication Matters

- Approximately \$10,250 was raised at the gala . Undie Sunday is underway and pending until October 26. Donna will put forward a motion for LAM support for Maplevue at the warden's meeting on December 12

Property, Personnel and Safe Church Matters

- Floor installation at Athens has been delayed due to illness of a tradesman. Trish will be on retreat three days next week. Nancy will be on vacation week of November 6-13. Both Nancy and Trish have 2023 holidays to carry over into January.

Worship and Pastoral Care Matters

- Draft November /December schedule is out for review and available at the meeting. It includes Christmas Eve services (Sunday this year) at 5pm at Lombardy and Athens, 6pm at Newbliss and 7pm at Oak Leaf and Leeds Rear (ecumenical with United). December. There will be regional services December 24, 10am at Athens and December 31, 10am at Newbliss. Consult the final schedule for online services, verification of Christmas times and Ash Wednesday services.

Special Items/ New Matters

- Wardens meeting on the LAM budget will take place at Newbliss on December 12 at 7 pm. Christmas bazaar at Athens on December 4. Advent dinner at Athens December 1.
- Reprise of the professional congregational photo project has been declined.

Next Meeting of LAM Shepherds

- Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 2pm at Athens.

The meeting was closed with the Grace