

**The Church of St. John the Evangelist
Parish of Douglas and Nashwaaksis
Vestry Meeting - October 17, 2024**

The vestry of St. John the Evangelist Church, Parish of Douglas and Nashwaaksis, met on October 17, 2024, at 7 pm. Present were Bill MacKenzie, Nancy Stephens, Carol Jones, Jeanne Sayre, Steve Hart and Heather Storey. Regrets – Ben Mersereau, Joan Dunphy, Michael Clark, Donna Price and Dennis Williams.

Approval of the Agenda – Add Clergy Recognition Month to Correspondence and Camp Medley pool to New Business. Moved by Jeanne, seconded by Heather, that the agenda be approved as amended. Carried.

Approval of Minutes of the September Meeting – Moved by Nancy, seconded by Heather, that the minutes be approved as read.

Correspondence – A request was received from Daisy Coburn for use of hall and/or parking lot for a fall festival in October 2025. We will invite Daisy to a vestry meeting to further discuss this.

HR committee of the diocese is planning a Parish Officers Day on 5 April 2025 and would like to hold it in our hall. We would not be able to provide lunch.

Clergy Recognition Month – we will get cards for our honorary assistants and have them signed during coffee hour. We will ask Josh to have a slide thanking them as well.

Business Arising – *Pickle ball* – We could post available times on a web site, but we would have to be sure the group has insurance. We will await further information from Michael.

Connecting with Seniors – Jeanne will follow up with Lynda Wood to see if they could get this started.

Protection for Ductless Splits – it was suggested that we have protection for the outside units. Roger Schwarz has suggested he could construct a barrier wall in front of the units to prevent damage. We had already approved a budget of \$800 for this.

Committee Reports

Finance and Admin – No Report

Youth and Seniors – No Report

Treasurer's Report – Deferred to December meeting; see Financial Notes for September 2024 attached.

Church Properties – We will have Josh check on the air intake system for our heat pumps.

Outside Lighting – we need more lighting along the sidewalk to the main door, and some of the other lights are burned out and need to be replaced. Steve will contact Saxon to see what our options are.

Quote for New Sign – Steve got a quote for \$330 for a sign, and a pressure treated post would be \$20. Moved by Bill, seconded by Heather, that we allow an amount of \$400.00 for the purchase of a new sign and post. Carried.

New Ramp for Shed – Roger completed this.

Willing Wonders – There are no funds allotted for school lunches. We will ask Ben to build this into the budget in 2025, but we could bridge the amount until then. It would be approximately \$1,000 per year.

We would like to purchase silk flower arrangements for our church services. Moved by Heather, seconded by Carol, that we allot up to \$500 for these. Carried.

Tables will be cleaned Saturday.

Worship – Bruce will be having another healing service Sunday. November 3rd is All Saints Day, which Keith will be officiating.

Cemetery – The survey is finished, but we don't have a printed copy yet.

New Business – *Keys* – We have only one spare key left, and the master key has been lost. We will ask Josh to call Capital City Lock to get an estimate on what it would cost to rekey the doors.

Camp Medley Pool – It was suggested that as a special Christmas project we ask for donations towards a new pool at Camp Medley.

For Prayer – Honorary Assistants – Bruce, Keith and David
Our Parish – Darrell and Josh

Next Vestry Meeting – November 15, 2024 – 7 pm.

The meeting closed with prayer and the grace.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Jones

Carol Jones, Vestry Clerk
Attachment: Financial Notes for September

St. John the Evangelist Church
Financial Notes for September 2024

- **September 2024 Income Statement**

- September 2024 saw a surplus of \$5,888 compared to a deficit in September 2023 of \$3,545.

- Revenue increased by \$11k year over year.
 - \$10k increase in Stone Church Projects revenue recognition, offset by the corresponding expense posting.
 - \$1k increase in various other Designated Offerings, also offset by their corresponding expense postings.
- Expenses increased by \$2k year over year.
 - \$11k increase in Designated Expenses, matching the associated revenue increase.
 - Offset by \$7k reduction in Payroll Expenses.
 - Offset by \$2k reduction in Cemetery Expenses (monument repair in 2023).
 - Offset by \$1k reduction in Parish Ministry Expenses (Popcorn maker and books for book study in 2023)

- **YTD Income Statement**

- Year-to-date we have a realized surplus of \$69k compared to a realized deficit of \$19k in 2023 (positive change of \$88k).

- Revenue increased by \$80k year over year.
 - 75 Main Street Fund revenue increased by \$55k, and combines with the \$12k NBF Transfer that took place in 2023 (related to the NBF bank account closure) for a net change year-over-year of \$66k.
 - \$26k increase in Other Designated Revenue (almost entirely related to the Stone Church Roof expenditure)
 - Offset by \$2k lower Unrestricted Offerings.
 - Further offset by \$9k lower Other Revenue (mostly related to Expense Recovery in July 2023)
- Expenses decreased by \$7k year over year.
 - \$2k decrease in combined Natural Gas costing.
 - \$2k decrease in Insurance costing.

- \$20k decrease in Clergy Payroll costing.
- \$1k decrease in Snow Removal costing.
- \$2k decrease in Shared Ministry costing.
- \$1k decrease in Hospitality Expenses.
- \$11k decrease in Misc. Worship Expenses (Camera and Projector purchased in 2023).
- Offset by \$1k increase in Power Expenses.
- Offset by \$2k increase in Misc. Office Expenses.
- Offset by \$3k increase in Hall Maintenance costing (Repainting the gym lines; invoice for floor cleaning pending).
- Offset by \$26k increase in Designated Expenses (mostly relating to the Church Roof repair).

Regarding the 75MainStreet Fund:

- Net balance in 75MainStreet DCIF is \$65,387.78 with \$3,767.53 in the liability fund as of the end of September.