

Tres Dias of Maine Secretariat Minutes

Saturday, November 4, 2023

Winthrop United Methodist Church

Members present: Beverley Hayward, Bob Moody, Janet Parker, Everett Parker, Elisa Sousa, Rob Story, Amy Story, Lori Orbeton, Jaimy Friedrich, Steve Friedrich, Bill Holden, Kathy Swan, Bill Swan, Pat Anders, Becky Anders, Kris Canning, Jim Chapman, Wendy Chapman, Marianne Tibbetts, Robert Voisine, Cynthia Huston Voisine, Charlene French, John French.

Members absent: Heather Libby, Lester Libby, Candi Madore, Barbara Wing, Michele St. Cyr, Autumn Holzworth, Linda Couture.

Community present: Ellen Woodward, Dan Queior, Eric Brasier, Bob Marzul.

The meeting was called to order by President Amy Story. Pat Anders opened the meeting with prayer and Amy read a Bible veneration from the second chapter of Philippians. She then read our Statement of Purpose.

Each person introduced themselves with the usual information.

In Barbara Wing's absence, Janet Parker read the minutes from the June 3, 2023 meeting. There were no changes or corrections. There was a motion made to accept them as read and the vote was unanimous. Amy said they were thorough and well done as always by Barb.

The Treasurer's Report for the 2023 fiscal year (October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023) was distributed. The balance in the checking account at the end of the year was \$3,937.72. A motion was made, seconded and accepted as presented. Mechuwana didn't charge us for cancelling the men's weekend because of the situation. Since the beginning of the new fiscal year, \$650.80 have been spent for liability insurance and the newsletters for the men's weekend that was postponed.

The weekend report for the Women's Weekend #134 from Denise Ranger was read by Elisa Sousa via email. She said the weekend went well and was successful.

The Men's Weekend, which was scheduled for the previous weekend, was postponed due to the mass shooting in Lewiston the Wednesday evening just before the weekend. The area, including Mechuwana, was in lockdown. The decision was made by Norman Thombs, director of Mechuwana, with consultation with Rector Dan Queior and Assistant Rector Rob Story on Thursday morning. Pat Anders thanked Dan for all his work and communication in preparing for the weekend.

Today was Leader's School before our meeting. Only one person attended and he was there for a refresher.

Kathy Swan gave the Rector/Rectress Committee report. A discussion had been held with the rectors and rectresses whether to reschedule the men's weekend. Mechuwana has some weekends in the beginning of the new year that are available. It was decided to have the men's weekend on January 11-14, 2024. Dan is hoping to keep many of the same team members and the pilgrims who had registered. More pilgrims are welcome to sign up.

Copies of the Statement of Purpose, Tres Dias Statement of Belief and the Tres Dias of Maine Policies were distributed by Jaimy to the members. The policies were last updated on March 20, 2004 and there are many things that need to be addressed and changed. Everyone is asked to read through them and make observations and suggestions to bring the policies and guidelines in-line with our practices now.

A conversation on the committees took place. The Fourth Day, Rector/Rectress, Leader's School and Three-Day committees have leaders and members to do their work. Elisa Sousa, as website manager, will be part of the Communications Committee. Outreach needs more invitations to churches and people to go to speak, lead music, be welcoming, etc.

Old Business:

Amy had been in contact with Richard Dickey and he decided not to attend this meeting to further discuss the changes to The Way of the Cross that he had spoken about at the June meeting.

Jaimy Friedrich resigned as our new vice president. Amy nominated Janet Parker to take Jaimy's place and she agreed to do it. The nomination was made and seconded. The vote was passed for Janet to take the office.

With a new vice president, the name and address will be changed on the applications for where they need to be sent. Janet requested people help spread the word not to use old applications. The request for a private room will be added to the application.

New Business:

Mechuwana has requested an increase of \$20.00 in the fee for each person attending a weekend. They have not asked us for an increase in several years even though they have raised rates for other activities there. An increase of a little more is being added in order to have some leeway with costs. Team fees will go from \$120 to \$150. Sponsors' fees will go from \$30 to \$40 and pilgrims will remain at \$130. This will go into affect for the men's weekend in April since money has already been paid for the postponed men's weekend which is rescheduled for January.

Amy had invited Clint Daggett to give a short presentation on a committee being formed to set up Kairos weekends at the Windham Correctional Center. Unfortunately he didn't arrive in time before our meal.

Pat closed the meeting with prayer at 4:45 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Janet Parker
Secretary Pro-Tem