

St. John's Episcopal Church Vestry
March 22, 2023

Present: Jeff Bates, Pamela Brittain, Tom Brzeczek, Alice Burnham, Bill Cheney, Jane Ferguson, Diane Gustafson, Rev. Roger Haenke, Gregg King, Alex Valdez Beer, Lynn Young

Rev. Roger Haenke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The following appreciations were noted: those parishioners who have brought food for La Misa and for the brunch following the 11 a.m. services; Heather Wallace for her long-term and continuing service to the Sunday School; Jeff Bates (Junior Warden) for being a jack-of-all-trades.

Lynn Young moved, Jane Ferguson seconded approval of the Consent Agenda (Rector's Monthly Operations Report, Outreach Committee Report, Property Committee Report), and the motion passed.

Gregg King gave the Treasurer's Report for January and February. The documents presented are available with these minutes in the Vestry Binder in the Church Office.

Judy Butcher and Linda Dennehy have been added to the committee working on the 50th anniversary celebration of Cheryl Seppala's coming to St. John's as organist. The committee will decide on a date.

The Vestry Retreat will be held in Nale Hall on Saturday, April 1, from 8 a.m. to noon. Bishop Susan Brown Snook has designated 2023 as the Year of Service with particular attention paid to community engagement. Deann Rios and Rachel Ambasing from the Diocese will be our guests and will take most of the morning. There will not be a business meeting.

March 26 will be the last of the five Sundays for the 11 a.m. service pilot project. The number of attendees at the combined services has increased. There are two couples who are members but have not been coming; they are now coming at 11 a.m. One family has returned and another has begun to attend; their children are in Sunday School. Diane Gustafson moved, Lynn Young seconded to continue the pilot project until September 1. The motion passed with two abstentions. It was noted that all ministries must be covered at 11 a.m.

La Misa in English continues. The most recent event had 20 parishioners and 4 non-parishioners. The bad weather that evening was noted.

NEW BUSINESS

Parishioner Kathy D. Weizer passed away recently and has left her property in Chula Vista (3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1500 sq. ft.) to St. John's. The attorney administering the trust advises that procedure will take at least a couple of

months. In the meantime, Rev. Roger will consult with the Bishop on the transfer of title, whether to keep the property or sell it. **Final decision will be made by the Vestry.**

At the Annual Meeting there was discussion on how to reach families to invite them to St. John's; **the Outreach Committee provided research and focus for this.** Jeff Bates presented an option, Every Door Direct Mail. USPS will deliver a postcard to every household on a carrier's route. We can reach potentially 37,846 households for \$7,152.90 plus the cost of printing the postcards. This is an investment in St. John's. There are unrestricted memorial funds that are Vestry-designated and could be used for this project.

Diane Gustafson moved, Jeff Bates seconded to implement Every Door Direct Mail as soon as possible and to send postcards to the eight zip codes in Jeff's presentation and to pay for it with Vestry-designated unrestricted memorial funds chosen by Rev. Roger Haenke and Treasurer Gregg King. The motion passed unanimously. Follow-up with a second mailing will be discussed at the April Vestry meeting.

The MOSJ have proposed a number of events/fundraisers for this year including an Italian Night Dinner, Steak Dinner, Community Yard Sale, and a combined BBQ/Ice Cream Social.

The Vestry reached consensus that neither Parish Council nor MOSJ will become a Standing Committee of the Vestry.

Alice Burnham moved, Tom Brzeczek seconded that when a special celebration (Palm Sunday, Easter, Pentecost) calls for a combined service, the time of that service will be 9 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The next Vestry meeting will be April 26th at 6 p.m. via Zoom. Diane Gustafson will be on vacation, and Pamela Brittain volunteered to take minutes at that time.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Diane Gustafson, Clerk of Vestry