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St. John's Episcopal Church Vestry 24 August 2022

Present: Pamela Brittain, Tom Brzeczek, Alice Burnham, Bill Cheney, David Dennehy, Jane Ferguson, Diane Gustafson, Rev. Roger Haenke, Lynn Young

Absent: Alex Valdez Beer

Rev. Roger Haenke called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Appreciation was noted to the Men of St. John's for the BBQ and to Scott Bricknell and Diane Gustafson for coordinating the Chili Cook-off.

There were no changes to the Consent Agenda (Monthly Operations Report and Outreach Report).

Bill Cheney gave the Treasurer's report, which is filed with these minutes in the Vestry Binder in the Church Office. Both income and expenses are up, and the net loss is less than anticipated. Additional tree trimming on the playground was needed, and ECS will split the cost with the Church. Transition to the new bank should be complete by the end of September; Bank of America accounts will remain open until the transition. Bill Cheney and Rev. Roger Haenke have been added as additional check signers. We will have one checking account and two savings accounts, one of which will be a Money Market. We need to keep a minimum of \$25,000 in each of the two savings accounts.

OLD BUSINESS

Rev. Roger Haenke made an executive decision that Sally Elliott will handle all financial matters. Previously Maria Love had scanned all checks and input data into Servant Keeper (records of individual contributions).

Plans for the Centennial are moving forward. Tom Brzeczek has arranged for publicity through a contact at Channel 8. Lynn Young, Judy Butcher, and Diane Gustafson are choosing photos for the slideshow. Rev. Roger is working with the Mayor's Office about the Proclamation. Alex Valdez Beer and Rev. Roger are working on the paper program. The artwork will be delivered in time for the September 18th Liturgy when the Bishop will bless it. During the Liturgy there will be one baptism, two confirmations, two people received into the Episcopal Church, and 1 reaffirmation.

David Dennehy gave the report for the Property Committee. He will meet a vendor for the ice machine next Monday. Further activities of the Property Committee are contained in the Monthly Operations Report.

The final amount raised for the Columbarium is \$36,246. Rev. Roger has approached Fr. Michael Kaehr, who pledged matching up to \$35,000 for the project. Honor Life will install the niche wall on September 6. The Columbarium will be blessed after the service on Sunday, September 11.

La Misa in English will be held tomorrow, August 25. Last month there were 35 participants, 9 of whom were non-parishioners.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposal 2022.0824.01 was presented. New landscape lighting has been added to the Columbarium and Memorial Garden area, but the lighting in the Meditation Garden and the garden area next to Nale Hall is not working, and the current transformers are twenty-five years old. The quoted price to correct this safety and security risk is \$2,200. David Dennehy moved, Tom Brzeczek seconded approval of the proposal, and it passed unanimously.

Kurth Barnes has donated \$20,000. Lynn Young moved, Diane Gustafson seconded to place that donation in designated funds for property needs. The motion passed unanimously.

Consensus was reached to have a sign up sheet for parishioners to supply refreshments for a reception after the Centennial Liturgy. There will be no hot foods unless in a crockpot; suggestions include hard-boiled eggs, bagels, muffins, and fruit cups. Mimosas will be served as well.

Rev. Roger will ask the Finance Committee to drive the Stewardship Program in October and November.

Proposal 2022.0824.02 will allow St. John's to host "Tai Chi Moving for Better Balance", a program of the County Health and Human Services Agency. They have an instructor to teach on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2 to 3 p.m., for 24 weeks. St. John's needs to provide a dedicated space and chairs with no wheels. Lynn Young moved, Alice Burnham seconded to approve this proposal, and it passed unanimously.

Rev. Roger Haenke needs help setting up a Survey Monkey to assess the desire for two services. The survey would take place in October and November, with the pilot project, if approved, starting in January.

David Dennehy closed with prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Diane Gustafson, Recorder

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