

**St. John's Episcopal Church Vestry      28 April 2021**

Present: Pamela Brittain, Tom Brzeczek, Ray Contreras, Bill Cheney, David Dennehy, Terry Farrelly, Jane Ferguson, Diane Gustafson, Rev. Roger Haenke, Muriel Kulikowski, Lynn Young

Absent: Alex Valdez Beer

Rev. Roger Haenke called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

The following were acknowledged with appreciation: Muriel Kulikowski's attendance after health issues, the Prayer Quilt Ministry, Pam Brittain and Jeff Bates for their efforts in the successful "40 items in 40 days" campaign.

David Dennehy moved, Tom Brzeczek seconded approval of the Consent Agenda (minutes of the March Vestry meeting, the Monthly Operational Report, and the Wardens' Report), and the motion passed.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Bill Cheney reviewed the Treasurer's Report (the financial documents are filed with these minutes in the Vestry binder in the Church Office). Revenues for March exceeded budget, boosted by a single donation of \$4000 to repair the church ceiling and the forgiveness of the PPP loan (\$12,781.00). Expenses for March were below budget. For the first quarter of 2021, expenses were below budget and revenue exceeded budget (net income is positive \$49,408.00).

\$1000 was added to the Property Account. Repair and maintenance expenses are expected to be impacted by the need for a new hot water heater for the Baptismal Font and Narthex restrooms, new fire alarm installation, and repair or replacement of the icemaker. A fundraiser may be proposed for the icemaker.

The Bishop has accepted our submission for an external audit for 2020. A proposal has been made for an internal committee review instead of an audit for 2021 and 2022.

#### **MINISTRY REPORTS**

Pam Brittain reported for the Outreach Committee that their priority is moving the more than 4000 items from the 40-in-40 campaign from Nale Hall so the Hall can be used. The family of Ed Wilson donated his clothing, and the Outreach Committee decided to give the items to Father Joe's Village for use by men going to job interviews and work.

Rachel and Roberto Johnson are the coordinators of the Veterans/Military Friendly Congregation ministry. Rachel and Rev. Roger Haenke have met with a

representative from the Diocese, with the 32<sup>nd</sup> Street base chaplain, and with Fleet & Family Services to ascertain needs.

Given the attendance at in-person services, the necessity of disinfecting between two services, and the need for twice as many ushers and greeters, St. John's will continue to have one service at 9 a.m. during this time of pandemic. Later the Wardens and Rev. Roger Haenke will assess the liturgical needs and desires of the parish. The Wardens and Rev. Roger will draft a letter to the parish on behalf of the Vestry.

At the beginning of the pandemic, St. John's individuals and families were divided into nine groups for the purpose of maintaining connection when unable to meet in person. These groups of 18-19 are unwieldy. Diane Gustafson and Rev. Roger have met to restructure small groups and will present a plan to the Vestry soon.

Rev. Roger Haenke was approached with a request for Vacation Bible School. After his meeting with the Youth Missioner for the Diocese and with Colin Mathewson from St. Matthew's, VBS for this summer is being discussed. Pam Brittain volunteered to work on this with Rev. Roger.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Ray Contreras reported on the SE property that research is still being conducted and that perhaps an attorney specializing in water rights should be consulted. The easement may have an impact on the irrigation district. Rev. Roger has found a grant deed from 1962 and will discuss this with Ray.

There has been no progress on the Fonti property. This issue will be discussed at the Vestry retreat.

The change to the By-laws will be voted on at the special meeting during the May 9 service.

There seems to be no leak in the roof over Classrooms 17 and 18. This week's rain produced a small leak under the plaster in the church. An assessment needs to be made.

The committee working on the solar project (Tom Brzeczek, Ray Contreras, Pamela Brittain, and Tim Attaway) has met and will send their homework to the consultant.

St. John's is waiting for bids on the audio/visual system.

## NEW BUSINESS

Vestry favors a year-round Stewardship campaign. Reflections on Time/Talent/Treasure will continue to be published in the newsletter, preferably once a month.

The Parish Council will resume meeting quarterly. The calendar for July – September will be created in mid- to late June.

The Men of St. John's will have a barbecue on Saturday, May 29, beginning at 1 p.m. in the courtyard. The focus will be fellowship and fundraisers.

2022 will be St. John's Centennial. The following committees will be needed: History and Archives, Gala and Fundraiser, and Publicity. Diane Gustafson and Lynn Young have begun to work on History and Archives.

The Vestry Retreat will be held in Nale Hall on Saturday, May 15, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Gwynn Lynch, Canon for the Ordinary, will lead the morning discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Diane Gustafson, Clerk of Vestry