

**St. John's Episcopal Church Vestry 26 May 2021
via Zoom videoconferencing**

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. Appreciation was offered for the following: for Tom Brzeczek and Lynn Young for coordinating liturgical readers and ushers, respectively; for David Dennehy for his work on property issues; for Cathey Dowdle for her continuous pastoral care enabling Rev. Roger to take a well-deserved vacation last week.

The Reflection was based on the Gospel for this coming Sunday.

Pam Brittain moved, Diane Gustafson seconded approval of the Consent Agenda (minutes of the April Vestry meeting, May 9 by-laws meeting, and vote at the Vestry retreat concerning the Fonti property; the Monthly Rector's Report; and the Wardens' Report). The motion passed.

Bill Cheney gave the Treasurer's Report. (All financial statements and the minutes of the Finance Committee are filed with these minutes in the Vestry Binder in the Church Office.) Lynn Young moved to increase the amount put into the Property Fund from \$1000 to \$2000 per month, and David Dennehy seconded. The motion passed with one nay vote. A few years ago a report on facilities was made with a list of possible needs during the next 10-15 years. That report will be reviewed, and the matter will be added to the June Vestry meeting agenda.

Recommendations from the Finance Committee were acknowledged and will be discussed in June.

OLD BUSINESS

Some work is already being done on the Centennial of the parish. Diane Gustafson and Lynn Young are gathering historical information. So far the date of the first service in 1922 has not been found. The feast day for St. John the Evangelist is December 27, which isn't feasible for the Centennial celebration because of Christmas and weather. If no date is discovered, a summer date will be selected. This needs to be done soon so the Bishop's visitation can be made to coincide with the Centennial.

Ray Contreras has learned that at some point St. John's signed over the water easement on the SE property to the City of Chula Vista. He will make a Freedom of Information request of the City.

At the Retreat on May 15, 2021 the Vestry voted to move forward to acquire the Fonti property and construct the one-way driveway. Ray Contreras suggested two fundraising approaches: a letter sent to individuals within the parish asking for \$1000 each (\$20,000 is needed) and then a general appeal to the parish during the Centennial to raise the funds for construction (approximately \$26,000). Ray Contreras moved that he and Karen Duignan approach Mrs. Fonti to see if she is still willing to sell the property, that a letter to potential donors for the property be sent, that the acquisition be sent to the Diocesan Property Committee for approval, and that construction funds be raised during the Centennial. David Dennehy seconded the motion, and it passed.

A bid from San Diego Roofing for \$13,400 for installation of PVC roofing has been received. There have been other bids as well. This item will remain on the agenda until the solar project has been decided.

St. John's is waiting on a fourth bid for the Audio/Visual System.

NEW BUSINESS

The Vestry Retreat was successful. Diane Gustafson and Rev. Roger will prepare a list of meeting norms suggested by Canon Gwynn Lynch for presentation at the June Vestry meeting. There will be a discussion in June about which meetings can be in person instead of Zoom; several Vestry members do not feel comfortable driving after dark.

Responsibility for the brief discussion of the following Sunday Gospel at each Vestry meeting will be shared. Diane Gustafson has the June meeting, Pam Brittain July, David Dennehy August, and Ray Contreras September.

The Mutual Ministry Agreement and Rev. Roger's performance will be discussed at the June meeting. Canon Gwynn Lynch recommends doing this at least once a year.

Rev. Cathey Dowdle will be moving to a CCRC (Continuous Care Retirement Community) in Scripps Ranch in early June and will leave St. John's in July. Diane Gustafson will help Rev. Roger draft a pastoral letter announcing plans for a journal of farewell wishes and a collection for a gift card for Cathey. Plans for refreshments after Cathey's last Sunday service were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Diane Gustafson, Clerk of Vestry