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**St. John's Episcopal Church Vestry
July 24, 2019**

Present: Fr. Tom Wilson, Terry Farrelly, Jim McDevitt, Judy McKay, Karen Duignan, David Dennehy, Mark Jordan, Diane Gustafson, Ray Contreras, Pamela Brittain

On the telephone: Lynn Young

Guest: Joanna Ward

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by People's Warden David Dennehy.

Fr. Tom Wilson led the opening prayer service.

The minutes of the June meeting had been previously approved online.

Mark Jordan moved, Judy McKay seconded approval of the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the Financial Report, Priest's Report, Junior Warden's Report, and Old Business updates. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Mark Jordan reported on the Taco Dinner on July 20th. There were sizable donations, and the end result is approximately \$1700 for the general fund. Consensus was that it was a great fellowship event.

Treasurer Terry Farrelly gave a funds allocation follow-up. Ray Contreras is prepared to file a petition in court to change the playground fund designation but explained that we should agree on what we would do with the money. It will not go to St. John's. Ray suggested Vida Joven, formerly known as Dorcas House, and a Youth Ministry, perhaps through the Diocese. Ray and Terry will get more information on Vida Joven and will make a proposal at the next Vestry meeting. Such a proposal must go to the Diocese before we can petition the court.

Terry reported that previous Vestry minutes indicated that the money for the Benefactor Plaques (\$22,500) was intended for Operations.

Several years ago the Women of St. John's gave \$5000 for painting and carpeting the Narthex in advance of the Diocesan Convention held here. At that time the Men of St. John's raised \$6000, which is now in a Wish List fund. Pamela Brittain moved, Mark Jordan seconded to move the unrestricted funds from the Benefactor Plaques (line 3115) and the Wish List (3114) into a line item labeled Property Maintenance. The motion passed with one abstention.

Ray Contreras reported having gone to the City Property Office but not being able to get a definition of the Fonte property. He filed a Freedom of Information request and should hear within the next eight days. If Chula Vista turns over the diagram and proposed property description, we can file a certificate of compliance with the County. Whatever we do must be legal to avoid possible problems later on with Mrs. Fonte's heirs. She is asking \$20,000 for approximately forty feet. The item was tabled pending further information.

A brief discussion on the Calling Committee was held with Lynn Young on the telephone. There was positive reaction to that Committee's screening questions for potential candidates. The next Committee meeting will be August 11.

Fr. Tom Wilson reported that he, Helena Livingston, and Diane Gustafson gathered and edited information for the Priest Search tab on the church website. The document was sent to Vestry members, and no changes have been suggested. The tab should go live on August 1. On August 4 after both services Bob Dunn from the Calling Committee will explain to the parish where we are in the search process.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed changes to the By-Laws were discussed, and Fr. Tom Wilson will consult with the Chancellor for clarification of some points. Once the Vestry approves the revised By-Laws, they will go to the Bishop and the Standing Committee. Finally the parish will vote, likely at the Annual Meeting in January. This agenda item was tabled pending information from the Chancellor.

The Vestry discussed the Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) survey results. These will be discussed after services on August 4, and we will concentrate on the five Drivers of Satisfaction on page 5 of the summary report.

The Vestry spent some time brainstorming possible ways to bring in new people, including a December Saturday babysitting and birthday party for Jesus, a parking lot sale with spaces for individuals and vendors, a movie night, and a presentation to the Chula Vista Chamber of Commerce. Small group discussions on CAT results and ideas will be held in Nale Hall and/or individuals' homes, Fredericka Manor, during Bible Study etc. beginning in September.

David Dennehy announced that we will no longer collect items for the Refugee Network because their needs are being filled through other means.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Diane Gustafson, Clerk of Vestry