

St. John's Episcopal Church Vestry July 28,2021

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

Rev. Roger Haenke called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Ryan Attaway was acknowledged with appreciation for his setting up for the reception for Rev. Cathey Dowdle and for cleaning up after coffee hour each Sunday.

Pam Brittain offered the Reflection and led the discussion.

David Dennehy moved, Ray Contreras seconded approval of the Consent Agenda (minutes of the June meeting, Monthly Operational Report, and Wardens' Report) as corrected. The motion passed.

Bill Cheney presented the Treasurer's report (all financial statements are filed with these minutes in the Vestry Binder in the Church Office).

Rev. Roger Haenke announced that a wall in the Church Office has been removed and that the Rev. Jack Tolley Memorial Library will be created with memorial funds paying for it.

Recently the Vestry approved creation of two savings accounts, one for restricted funds, at Bank of America. The bank will only communicate with check signers, and several authorized signers are now retired and traveling. Lynn Young moved, David Dennehy seconded to add Tom Brzeczek and Rev. Roger Haenke (the latter would sign checks only in an emergency), and the motion passed. In the future, communication with Bank of America should be easier. The Vestry charged the Finance Committee to look into alternative banking institutions.

OLD BUSINESS

The Centennial celebration planning continues. Names have been added to some of the subcommittees.

Documents relating to the SE Property are still being collected.

Last month the Vestry approved a contract for \$1500 for an appraiser to find the fair market value of the Fonti property easement, but that individual has had to withdraw because of a health issue. Another appraiser has been found but is asking for \$3500 (including a discount to nonprofits). Pam Brittain moved, Bill Cheney seconded to contract with Randall Blaes in the amount of \$3500. The motion passed with one abstention.

Rev. Roger Haenke spoke with the Diocesan Chancellor who agreed that the ECS attorney could draft an amendment to the lease to include the utilities for the purpose of the Solar Project.

The Leadership Team moved Resolution 2021.0728.01 that St. John's will contract with America's Finest Sound for the upgrade of the current sound and choir system, installation of ADA hearing system, video streaming system, and courtyard sound system for \$33,266. Diane Gustafson seconded the resolution, and it passed.

St. John's has received one bid for repair of the fence and will get two more.

NEW BUSINESS

The Leadership Team moved Resolution 2021.0728.02 that St. John's will sign an annual maintenance service contract with South Coast Copy Systems for \$279.51 per month. Jane Ferguson seconded the resolution, and it passed.

Rev. Roger Haenke will send a pastoral letter asking for input on service times. Vestry will review virus statistics and discuss going back to two services at the August meeting.

The Leadership Team moved Resolution 2021.0728.03 that St. John's will sign a contract with Get Floors, Inc. to repair drywall, paint walls, and ceiling (excluding wood beams and acoustic panels) in Nale Hall, hallways, and bathrooms for \$15,407. Lynn Young seconded the resolution, and it passed.

The Leadership Team moved Resolution 2021.0728.04 based on the passage of Resolution 2021.0728.01 which results in a contract for the sound system in the amount of \$33,266. St. John's received two donations of \$25,000 each. With Mr. Barnes's approval, the remainder of his donation would be spent on the Nale Hall upgrade. Tom Brzeczek seconded the resolution, and it passed.

Rachel and Roberto Johnson are helping to lead the Veteran/Military Friendly Congregation ministry, with the support of the Outreach Committee. Roberto is being deployed on the USS Essex in August. A banner with the church logo and "We are praying for you" will be in the Narthex next Sunday for all parishioners to sign before Roberto takes it with him onto the Essex.

Homecoming, the Fall Sunday when ministries resume after the summer break, will be celebrated on Sunday, September 12 following the 9 a.m. service. There will be a parish potluck.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Diane Gustafson,
Clerk of Vestry