

St. John's Episcopal Church Vestry 24 February 2021

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

Excused: Ray Contreras, Alex Valdez-Ber

Guest: Jeff Bates, Chair of Outreach Committee

After opening prayer, Rev. Roger Haenke called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Appreciation was acknowledged for the newly-elected Vestry members: Jane Ferguson, Alex Valdez-Ber, and Lynn Young; for Jeff Bates for volunteering to be Chair of the Outreach Committee and to serve on other ministries; for Bill Cheney for stepping up to become Treasurer; and for Diane Gustafson for chairing the Italian Night Dinner and Fundraiser.

Lynn Young moved approval of the Consent Agenda (January meeting minutes, Senior Warden's report, and Monthly Operational Report), David Dennehy seconded, and the motion passed.

Terry Farrelly presented the Treasurer's report (financial statements are filed with these minutes in the Vestry Binder in the Church Office). We have filed documentation to Bank of America for forgiveness of the PPP loan and have received an email that it is under review. There were no issues with the financial review for the year 2019, and the auditors are now going ahead with the audit for 2020.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Jeff Bates, Chair of Outreach, reported that the committee has met twice in 2021 and expect to meet monthly. The committee proposes a calendar of recurring, as well as one-time, activities published on the church website. Bins are put out at the curb at the gate on Wednesdays for collection of eyeglasses, magazines, pill bottles, etc. The group is brainstorming services for at-risk youth. In the future, committee member and Vestry member Pam Brittain will give Outreach updates.

Veteran/Military Friendly Congregation: We are still looking for a layperson to work with Rev. Roger Haenke on this.

Diane Gustafson reported for Fellowship that the Italian Night Dinner and Fundraiser brought in \$2420 and the "Dining Rooms" (breakout sessions) were well received and worthy of doing again.

OLD BUSINESS

There has been no resolution to the issues of the SE property title report and the Fonti property easement, although Ray Contreras has been actively working on them.

The proposed change in the Bylaws was approved by the Vestry but must be approved by members at the annual meeting or a special meeting. This can be either in-person or via Zoom, and we would need a quorum of twenty members.

Property projects were reviewed. During the last rain, the roof over Classrooms 17 and 18 leaked, but Willie from WORKS patched it. Eventually that roof must be replaced. If we move forward with the solar project, it would include a new roof. The committee looking into the solar project consists of Ray Contreras, Tom Brzezcek, Pamela Brittain, and Tim Attaway. They have met with the consultant for the Diocese. At the January meeting, it was announced that Fr. Michael Kaehr has given \$25,000 in memory of his late wife Nancy for a new sound system. Another donor, Kurth Barnes, will give another \$25,000 for the sound system, including assistance for the hearing-impaired. Rev. Roger Haenke has contacted four companies that provide sound systems to parishes, and bids are expected.

NEW BUSINESS:

David Dennehy nominated, Diane Gustafson seconded, Lynn Young for Junior Warden/People's Warden. Lynn agreed to the nomination and was unanimously elected.

Lynn Young nominated, Tom Brzezcek seconded, Bill Cheney to become Treasurer, and he was unanimously elected.

David Dennehy nominated, Lynn Young seconded, Diane Gustafson to continue as Clerk, and she was unanimously elected.

The Vestry is able to appoint an Assistant Treasurer, and Terry Farrelly has agreed to serve. Lynn Young moved, Jane Ferguson seconded to appoint Terry as Assistant Treasurer, and the vote was unanimous.

Diane Gustafson moved, Pamela Brittain seconded to accept the appointment of the Finance Committee (Terry Farrelly, Bill Cheney, Michael Morris, Marcia Morris, Bob Dunn, and Sally Elliott), and the vote was unanimous.

Vestry Installation will be done during an in-person service. The Vestry Retreat will be held on Saturday, May 15, details to come later.

The Vestry reviewed the Parochial Report, due to the Diocese on March 1.

Plans were discussed for the Re-gathering for Worship. Bishop Susan Brown Snook has said that in-person services are permissible. A thorough cleaning is needed, cost \$2600, and then Ryan Attaway can follow up weekly. March 22-25 has been set as the tentative dates for the thorough cleaning by Social Standard Cleaning Janitorial Services. The money will come from what Vestry set aside for expenses related to COVID.

There is plaster falling from the cathedral ceiling in the Sanctuary, and this is a safety issue that must be addressed before in-person services in the church resume. After discussion about the amount above which bids are required (this will be referred to the Finance Committee) and time-sensitivity of the repairs, Lynn Young moved, Jane Ferguson seconded to approve the bid by Willie of WORKS in the amount of \$3680. The motion passed. While the scaffolding is up, Willie will replace the LED lights.

The potential schedule for Palm Sunday through Easter will be sent to the Bishop for approval. In the meantime, parishioners will be asked their vaccination status, and we will look at COVID case numbers in this area. A vote by the Vestry will be taken on Wednesday, March 10 by email or by Zoom.

Diane Gustafson, Clerk of Vestry