

St. Stephen's Vestry Meeting November 2, 2021

The meeting began at 7:15 and was held via Zoom.

Present: Craig Reynolds, Rev. Nina Pooley, Leah Luczynski, Erin Sullivan, Valerie Andersen, Angela Moon, Wendy Webster Coakley, Chris Plankey, John Culver, and Mark Miller

Welcome/Call to order and opening prayer: Erin called the meeting to order and Rev. Dr. Nina Pooley opened with a prayer.

Clerk report: The Vestry met with Bishop Doug Fisher and talked about Diocese resources that are available as well as what is happening in the diocese.

Someone from the Vestry will be informing the Beattie family of the change in how the Beattie fund is used.

Approval of Minutes: Erin moved and John seconded and the Vestry accepted the minutes to be approved for the October meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Leah Luczynski : She shared the quarterly comparison from 3rd quarter 2020 to 2021. We didn't take money out of our investments in 2020 or 2021 3rd quarter. We are on pace to not take money out of our endowment this year. Every quarter we vote to approve that we reviewed the quarterly numbers. Erin moved and Angie seconded and Val abstained but we voted to approve the quarterly report.

Rector's Report - Rev. Dr. Nina Pooley

- Nina talked about the Christmas service/services. We talked about different options for Christmas Eve as the 5:30 service is usually crowded and we want to be thoughtful about safety. There will be no Christmas morning service on Saturday. There will be a Sunday morning service that will still be celebrating Christmas. Parishioners can view the Christmas eve service on the website on Christmas morning if they choose. Nina is talking about singing less than the whole hymn to keep services to an hour. We might need ushers for the Christmas Eve services. Nina is looking at working with Colin and Matt Behnke to have a children's service. Nina has a picture book she would like to project and Chris has a screen that he could set up. Wendy wondered if we should have people sign up and maybe cap ourselves at 80% to allow for some walk-ins?
- Nina met with Joel (Zion) and Katherine Kidd about the Afghan resettlement project. There will be a meeting on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving for anyone to find out information on how they might be able to help.
- Bill Frazier is going to be a consultant to pastoral care and also let others step up so that he can "retire." We thank Bill for his extended care and service given so abundantly for so many years. Hopefully we can set up several people to help fill in the shoes that Bill filled! Wendy said maybe we can ask people to sign up for Christmas Eve. We talked about different options for Christmas Eve.

Warden's report: Craig Reynolds/Erin Sullivan:

- Erin, Nina, Craig, and Leah are going to attend the Convention on Zoom, as it will only be virtual this year.
- There is a leak in one of the boiler's main chambers. Al Symonds is working on finding a new company to service and care for the boiler.
- There is a need to replace some windows in the parish Hall, and it is in process.
- We are still working on relieving Ken from his service each week with the video recording equipment. Once we get the new equipment that has been ordered, we will train a team of volunteers to use the equipment.
- Josie Ellis has accepted an invitation to be co-warden next year. John Garinther has accepted the role of big project property committee chair. He already has some ideas moving forward. We still need a few Vestry and are working on an assistant treasurer. Erin, Leah and Craig have been asking people personally for filling roles. We are still looking for Stewardship and finance people.

Other Business:

Property report: Chris Plankey: A task force is working on cleaning out stuff in the building that no longer has a purpose. There may be some big furniture, bookshelves, in the Christian Ed room that are not really needed.

Stewardship: Valerie Andersen: The Harvest dinner went well; a good time was had by all. Thank you to Dan and the Vestry and Finance volunteers. The in-gathering is on Dec. 5th. There are 3 more speakers scheduled, thank you to those that have

spoken. Everyone who has spoken has done a wonderful job and we are very grateful for them.

Nominating Committee: Erin Sullivan reported that Craig, Nina and herself have been talking to people and they are filling the leadership positions first and then the outgoing Vestry members, Mark, Val, and Louise, will be calling people to invite to fill the rest of the open Vestry positions.

Action items:

1. A member of the Vestry will share the change in how the Beattie fund is used with the members of the family who left the fund to St. Stephens.

Closing: Nina+ closed with a prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 by Erin Sullivan.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Moon