

St. Stephen's Vestry Meeting March 22, 2022

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

Present: Craig Reynolds, Rev. Nina Pooley, Leah Luczynski, Angela Moon, Wendy Webster Coakley, Chris Plankey, John Garinther, Josie Ellis, Christina Wynn, Suzanne White, David Nevin

Welcome/Call to order and opening prayer: Craig called the meeting to order and Rev. Dr. Nina Pooley opened with dwelling in the word: Scripture Mark 6:7-11 was read and discussed and read again and discussed again.

Clerk report: Angie Moon

- Action items from the last meeting on 2/22/22 Craig Reynolds has made a VPOD Announcement guidelines in the email from 3/12/22 to Vestry.

Approval of Minutes: Craig Reynolds moved and David Nevin seconded and the Vestry voted to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2022 Vestry meeting. Vestry were all in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Leah Luczynski : The February expenses are updated and Leah will put the graph and summary in the First order. The finance committee has met and gone over the audit from last year, making sure everything was fixed from last year's bullet points. Steve Hasbrook from the diocese will do the audit in May. Leah and Suzanne's goal is to make everything set up so that anyone can take over the finance tasks if there is ever an emergency. Suzanne White asked about the finance report in

the first order; Are there ways that the graph could be easier to understand even still?

Don Phipps, at a finance meeting, suggested a graph that shows where we are compared to where we want to be in the year as compared to the annual budget.

Rector's Report - Rev. Dr. Nina Pooley: See her report in the Vestry folder as well as Covid notes below.

Warden's report: Craig Reynolds/Josie Ellis: See the report in the Vestry folder.

Other Business:

Property report: Chris Plankey/John Garinther: Highlights from the report/minutes from the property committee meeting. Heating is stabilized now. They are looking at a significant heating system upgrade. The stained glass window project: protect lower stained glass windows. This will be presented to the community preservation grant. They are preparing to present to the committee who gives the grant. There is a property issues list on a document. Thank you John for putting this google sheet together. Al and Don have so much information in their head about the thermostats. John is trying to get all of the information in case we all need it someday. Bill Carter and Phil Desch were remembered fondly.

Stewardship: Wendy Webster Coakley: Her thank you letters went out to 95 pledging parishioners. Christina Wynn raised her hand to join stewardship. Yay, thank you Christina! Wendy shared there are ways to take care of our church and not just financially, self care. Ginger Smith was remembered fondly for her work with estate planning.

Covid protocol: Nina: Covid protocol in three parts. Worship, office and building, mission. Masks are optional in many areas of life now in the state, city, and country. Masks are optional while we are in our seats but put masks on while moving around the sanctuary. Palm Sunday would like to have a crucifer and procession. Nina might talk to D. Turner and acolytes. Deacon in training Margot could help set up communion. We could maybe come forward in a line and receive communion one at a time. Wear a mask in line, remove it to receive communion and put it back on.

Josie Ellis shared there are inklings of another variant out there. Leah asked, are masks optional for any parishioners, not just vaccinated parishioners? Common spaces like the office, masks should be on if not vaccinated.

Holy Week: Single service on Easter, based on Christmas numbers, we will be ok for 150 and still feel socially distanced.

Church school and nursery conversation needs to happen, but not there yet.

Groups who meet in the building will have the same mask policy: common areas wear masks.

Locked doors: Allen St. entrance ending up unlocked. Joy can hear people in the building. 3 times in 2 weeks the door has been unlocked and she has heard people in the building. Doors should stay locked.

Conversations around the St. Stephens table. The way we have been doing it pre covid might be a thing of the past. Jenny thinks that change needs to happen. To go meals do have a greater reach than in person dining. Sense of community around food? Are there ways to offer that? Serving meals outdoors? Maundy Thursday serve

dinner outside? Jenny will try to get permitting to set up tables in the mall area next to police station to sit and have to go meal together. Campus is having a conversation about this. Maybe Zion could hold the meal in their location every week because the tables are big. Community kitchen might happen, conversations are being held somewhere???. Should we get in on the conversations. Is our mission changing?

Pass the plate? Do people still carry cash? Do we want to resurrect the laminated fake money or positive messages? Think on this.

Palm Sunday, regular

Maundy Thursday, table meal outside if permission is granted. Service will be after at 6. Invite the cathedral of the beloved and have a joint community worship. Bells at Maundy Thursday.

Good Friday-offering hours to do stations of the cross. Chris and Ken could you help video the stations of the cross.

Zion's has a 5:30 service good Friday.

Michael Tuck is having an Easter Vigil. He will invite our members to join. We would like to have a community service with a few churches on Easter vigil. We want to worship at First. Have a fire in our front yard first and then walk over to first church. Then to the mall, then to Zion's. This will start at 7:30 p.m. Advertising? Invite the youth?

Easter Sunday at 10 a.m.

Pastoral care: Marcie wants to do an Earth day celebration. Gwen would like us to do something. Nina said she would go to Gwen.

Action items:

Keep John Culver in our prayers as he heals.

Josie will ask if Val. Anderson will stay as Safe Church officer.

Closing: Nina+ closed with a prayer from Ephesians. The meeting was adjourned at

9:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Moon