

St. Stephen's Vestry Meeting

June 28, 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, John Culver

Welcome/Call to order and opening prayer: Craig called the meeting to order and Rev. Dr. Nina Pooley read “Renewal” and “Experience” from the brothers of St. John the evangelist. And opened with a prayer.

Clerk report: Angie Moon

- There were no action items from the last meeting on May 17, 2022

Approval of Minutes: Wendy Webster Coakley moved and John Culver seconded and the Vestry voted to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2022 Vestry meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Suzanne White: Pledges have dipped a little and parishioners are encouraged to do online giving as a way to schedule and remember. Wendy asked what percentage pays online? Leah does usually add reminders to the bulletin. Christina said a QR code in the bulletin would be a good way and easy for guests who come in the Summer to donate if they want to. Josie said that she would talk about it as VPOD in church this coming Sunday. Craig asked if Leah has the monthly statement as well as the report. Craig would like to see the income statement if it is not too much trouble. Leah said she will add it to the folder.

Audit Report: Leah Luczynski: We need to find a new officer for Safe Church. There is a missing Vestry minutes from 2021 Feb. 9th. Craig gave kudos to Leah and Suzanne and Sarah Morrison and the finance committee for such a good audit! Lots of detailed hard work. Also, Steve is looking for a disaster relief plan that the finance committee will help with moving forward.

Josie moves and Angie seconded to approve the audit certificate, all were in favor.

Property report: Chris Plankey/John Garinther: Signed the contract to start the stained glass. John G. is assuming that the grant is going to be about 125000.

Heating system similar to morningstar apartments? John met with the company that did the upgrade in that church. He is getting a proposal and consulting about the project.

Chris said there was a quote from J and J lock to get the allen st. door open for the tenants that use the building. The basement doors would need to be secured and new hardware would need to be put in.

Josie said she is still trying to get cleaning quotes.

Stewardship: Wendy Webster Coakley: Theme for the next campaign. And long term planning. Nina talked about putting the fun in funerals and planning one's own funeral, she did a group at her last parish. This could be part of an educational campaign about health care proxies and wills and trusts. Also, legacy planning /charitable gift annuities/ that people do not have to be rich to participate in.

Warden's report: Craig Reynolds/Josie Ellis: See the report. Work committee for children's formation and Table committee. Intentional group that has a focus and a few questions to answer in a timely manner.

Rector's Report - Rev. Dr. Nina Pooley

See report.

Sunday school and nursery- we want to meet the needs of the families that are in church now. What does it look like for this Fall? How do we make visible that kids and youth are an integral part of our parish and children really matter. Is Marybeth still interested in nursery?

Dan Moon is here for Table talk:

Craig shared a summary about Table and a foundational document for the working group and issues that are pressing for the next 9 months. Contact Dan by email if parishioners are interested to come back like Dot Lambert. Some people that should be recognized, standing at the door, Mary Berry. Handing out meals in Winter is not easy with the big red door. In person model—maybe we shouldn't pigeon hole people in whether they want to eat in person or take out is better for them. If people came downstairs we could maybe do it in person and to go as an option. Volunteer help is scarce in Summer and the Fall would be the more time to do Teams. There is no reason to come down and volunteer now. People need to feel connected to the St. Stephen's table. The Food bank said that we need to take 40 cases a month and it was really restricted. We are not a pantry. At this time the Food bank wasn't really working for us, Our food costs may go up 10% but the quality will be better. Make sure we are

serving good quality meals. We can choose to take a year's pause or stay members of the food bank. The team should see what we should do with the Food bank. Dan's philosophy is to keep safe healthy meals to go for guests. Freshening up the space? Donations beat vs. expenditures for 5 years. An appreciation dinner for guests? Draft donation policy presented. Working group to tackle.

Action items:

1. QR code. Or text for donations
2. Ask Sarah percentage of online pledgers?
3. July 26 2022 next meeting.
4. m&m tavern July 1st Scott is playing

Closing: Nina+ closed with a prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Moon