

FEBRUARY 16, 2022 VESTRY MEETING IN ACTIVITY CENTER

ATTENDANCE:

Sharon Bryan, Linda Chesbro, Reverend Bill Combs, Cathy Crosby, Connie Karpinsky, Les Reed, Mimi Vickers, Christine Young.
Attending by Zoom: Everett Price, Carl Stollenmeyer

OPENING PRAYER:

Father Bill opened the meeting at 3:15 with Les Reed leading the group in Prayer.

APPROVAL OF VESTRY RETREAT MINUTES:

The minutes of the January 22, 2022, were approved as moved by Les, seconded by Linda.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Father Bill went over the *January Operating Income & Expense Report* with the vestry in Heather's absence. Pledges & non-pledges received were higher than budgeted, resulting in a higher operating income of \$21,978 (\$10,525 budgeted) Most expenses were at budget or a little under.

Other Income & Expense: Church received Funds for capital campaign from Curtis Foundation of \$10,000. Total is now \$125,200. The Cash Calendar collected \$4655. January pay out was \$590.

Balance Sheet: The Church is in good cash standing of aprox \$130,000, with about \$20,000 earmarked for special things. Fixed assets reflect the purchase of the Crossroads Condo & the new Icehouse roof. Both will be depreciated starting February.

Our new AV operator, Timothy Gresham will be receiving \$15/hr. under Growth & Development.

Connie reported that the ECW is not receiving their Bank statements. It is being looked into.

Les moved to approve the January Treasurer's report, seconded by Mimi.

FUNDING OF OUR FATHER'S TABLE:

Our Father's Table is the name of the Ministry of Saturday Free Lunches by the combined churches (Redeemer, First United Methodist, First Presbyterian, & Historic Springfield Baptist) to be held at the First Methodist Church beginning in April. Father Bill reported that at the last meeting of the Ministry's organizing committee, has suggested that the churches pay \$250 per month (originally 2nd Harvest was going to put up \$1000/month for the food). Turns out that there are start up expenses: insurance, setting up the 501c-3, a website, checking account & containers for the food – that need to be covered. Father Bill told the that committee that he had to speak to the Vestry before he could commit. Much

discussion followed. There is agreement that we definitely would help with the set up expenses. We can certainly afford the \$250 a month, but there are questions about the 'midstream' change and paying the amount monthly. We would prefer to keep our current method of providing lunches, using the congregations' donations of food. Apparently 2nd Harvest invested about \$15,000 creating the kitchen that will be used at the Methodist Church. Father Bill will attend the next Our Father's Kitchen meeting and will email the Vestry with the information he receives; and an email vote will be taken.

UPDATE:

Elaine is retiring as of the end of April. A search for a new Church secretary will begin. Les suggested there be a small search committee to find several suitable applicants for Father Bill to interview or Father could conduct interviews initially then Vestry selects. A job description needs to be created. Position would be just 20 hours, more hours would mean insurance would need to be provided. Search to begin in March.

Condo Closing: Carl reported that the Condo Closing was on January 28, 2022. The agreement for rent signed. Heather will receive bill for the monthly Condo Association HOA fees and a separate bill from Putnam County. He also reported that John Keyser has been released from rehab and Carl is getting John settled into the condo. Charlotte's return home is yet undetermined. Carl will let the Vestry know if/when a meal train is needed.

Sabbatical: The committee (John Cawthon, Cathy Crosby, John Fox, Ann Goff, Jenny Moore, Carl Stollenmeyer & Father Bill) has been working and meeting every Tuesday. The Grant is very involved, must be complete in April, and the Parish must take part. There will be a Sabbatical survey sent to each parishioner. It will be tabulated and then followed by a meeting for further discussion. It is an important piece of the process. The Sabbatical is planned for the summer of 2023.

Columbarium: Les reported that he, Lucy Ogletree & Nancy Beckemeyer have determined that the best site for the placement of the columbarium would be in the Memory Garden next to the brick wall with the plaque. It could be the same height as the existing wall. More investigation is needed. Connie shared a parishioner's concern that we would spend money on this when we have other larger concerns, such as no handicapped accessible bathrooms. Response: There have been several donations made to the church that would be applied to defray some of the cost and the sale of the columbarium drawers would further cover the cost. No final decision has been made.

RETREAT GOALS:

Capital Campaign:

At the January Retreat Meeting it was determined that we would have two large meetings on one weekend with a meeting on Saturday at LOLC and then the other

on Sunday after the 9:30 service at Redeemer to give a general overview/history of the planned uses for monies raised through the Capital Campaign. These large meetings would be followed by 'Cottage' Meetings, which would gain further insight from the parishioners about the direction we should follow. Before we do that, Father suggested that John Braly, Keith Cooley, and John Fox come to the next Vestry meeting to refresh the Vestry on the previously developed plan. It was decided that the large meetings would be held the weekend of April 23-24.

Stewardship:

Presentation/Ministries of the month. Everett would like to have all nine Vestry members share information about each Ministries' responsibilities to the Parish to make the parishioners more aware of what it takes to make Redeemer function. It could be an actual presentation at church, through individual emails, or in the newsletter. Everett set March 20 as the date for Vestry members to choose the month that they would like to do their presentation.

Logo Development:

Connie presented the logo. (see attached) Vestry approved design. It will give Redeemer community recognition. Tee shirts will be made, and possibly business cards & stationery. Instead of charging \$10 for the shirt, perhaps parishioners will be given one with a request that a donation be given. Cost of the logo design is not yet known, as the designer has not yet submitted a bill. Any time Redeemer is involved in an event, all would be wearing the Tee shirt "uniform".

Explore Community Garden:

Mimi has contacted the city regarding possible location available. There is an overgrown park with historic Love Spring, just off Route 278. The area needs clearing. It is thought that raised beds would be best. More inquiries will be made. The hope would be to involve master gardeners, UGA Agriculture/ Extension Office, the Garden Clubs, Boy Scouts, & The Boys & Girls Club.

WARDEN/LIASONS:

Growth and development: Connie has created the *Community Non-profit Website* and will pay for the domain for the first year as her donation. The website is to be an information site for community non-profits to provide their mission statement and calendar of events. It will prominently feature "sponsored by 'The Little Red Church with the Big Heart' (Logo). Connie is working on getting a current tax-exempt letter from the Diocese.

Parish Life: Christine: The "Fat Tuesday" Pancake Brunch is planned for Tuesday, March 1, 11:30am -1pm, in hopes that attendance will be higher, because it is a daytime event! Christine has asked for volunteers to help. Christine and Ken Crosby are actively planning the Folk Mass at LOLC for a Saturday in May.

Publicity: Mimi: We have placed an ad in the Worship directory. The banner for "Ashes to Go" will be put up. Father Bill will be at Fred's Parking lot on Ash Wednesday, March 2, 10am-11am.

Outreach: Sharon: Outreach Committee will meet Tuesday, February 22, 2pm in activity center.

Adult Education: Cathy is working with Father Bill on Sunday Adult Education.

Junior Warden Report: Les announced that the Parish Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 2, 9am – noon with lunch provided. A schedule of jobs to be done will be emailed- sign up for the one you want! A new lock has been installed on the door from parking lot into the Activity Center. The icehouse is drying out. Several jobs on the Work Day will involve cleaning out 2 spaces in the icehouse and setting the new ramp into place. Decision about the former Clinic space will be made.

Rector's Report: Parishioner, John Waters had Covid, was hospitalized, and has been discharged to physical therapy rehab, but it is not known where. It was suggested to contact his office a UGA . We will welcome twelve new members to Redeemer Sunday February 20.

5:18 Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer