

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
Zoom Vestry Meeting, February 17, 2021

ATTENDANCE: Rev. Bill Combs, Ed Coleman, John Fox, Everett Price, Les Reed, Mimi Vickers, Sharon Bryan, Christine Young, Nancy Beckemeyer, Linda Chesbro, and Susan Fox. Absent was Heather Kennerson.

OPENING PRAYER:

Rev. Bill opened the meeting at 4PM and Ed led the group in prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY RETREAT AND BUDGET MEETING

The minutes were approved as moved by Les and seconded by Ed.

TREASURER’S REPORT – JANUARY 2021

Rev. Bill read from Heather’s Notes (copy of Financial Report and Notes attached) to lead discussion. Highlights were that the pledge income and non-pledge donations were above budget by about \$8,200. Part of this increase was due to receipt of prior year pledges in the amount of \$6,755. Maintenance costs were also above budget because of roof repair costs (\$1600) and also because of an old electrician’s bill from last summer (\$585). The operating income for the month was about \$10,000 above the budget. On page 3, the church received \$13,000 in capital campaign funding, which brings the total to \$95,200. Through the end of January the church has made payments of \$156,846 towards the sanctuary renovations (including the audio visual equipment). In January, the church received a donation towards the audio video equipment of \$500. To date, these donations and purchase of crosses total \$3100. Rev. Bill told Vestry that Heather went ahead and transferred the \$60,000 to the line of credit, drawing \$20,000 from the operating cash account and \$40,000 from the Edward Jones money market account. Through the end of January, the church still has good cash reserves of about \$147,000. The PPP funds of \$25,868.80 are still considered a loan at this point and are shown as a liability on page 5. These funds should be forgiven completely, but the SBA has suspended accepting forgiveness applications until March 5th. The report was approved as moved by Ed and seconded by Everett.

BUSINESS

*Line of Credit

Ed requested a vote of approval from Vestry that he extend the line of credit, as discussed in our last meeting. Les moved that we extend the line of credit with BankSouth for another year, in the amount of \$100,000. This was seconded by Linda and approved by all.

*Update on Icehouse roof, Sanctuary Renovations, Cleaning Service

John said that Les gave him contact information for Ramon Ramos, and John will meet with him this Saturday morning at 11AM. Ramon has an appointment lined up with Del Webb nearby, and will not charge us for this meeting. There is no update on the window repair. He said that the facility cleaners asked us to consider increasing their fee by \$20/visit since we have reduced the frequency of their visits from 4 to 2 times per month. They clean the children’s center, activity center, and sanctuary and have never before asked for an increase in pay. Les moved that we increase their fee to \$93.90/cleaning visit, seconded by Mimi and approved by all.

*Update on “Step-rail” in Sanctuary

Vestry discussed options and differing opinions about the step-rail. After some discussion a vote was taken and 4 approved, 3 were opposed, and 2 abstained. Since Vestry seems divided about this, Rev. Bill suggested that Everett install the step-rail temporarily and we can see what kind of feed-back we get from the parish. Everett will take it back home to his shop and make the necessary modifications. He will also enlist Katie to add gold paint detail that matches that of the altar rail, and then put it in place.

*Update Nail Crosses

Everett said that we have received 25 donations and 24 orders for crosses, 90% of which want mounts. He has purchased gift boxes and gift bags, and has drafted a certification letter that will be included, once it has been reviewed by Rev. Bill, Ed, and John. He can still make 15-16 more crosses if needed, and has the wood mounts and crosses made, with the exception of the final decorative details that would be chosen by the purchaser. Vestry discussed the particulars of any future purchases/donations. We can extend the deadline and send an email plus put an announcement in the bulletin to let the parish know about the number of crosses still available. Rev. Bill said that after Everett delivers the gifts to the office, they will take care of the distribution, including any that need to be mailed.

*Parish Phone Calls

Vestry discussed the phone calls and felt that they were appreciated by most, especially those that are living alone or having health issues. Sharon mentioned that Ken Crosby has had difficulty finding a place to get his COVID vaccine. She was given several suggestions, including Publix, North Central Health Department, and Piedmont Urgent Care in Watkinville.

*Liaison Check-ins

Christine's Pancake Supper was lightly attended but fun and appreciated. Sharon said that they had their first outreach meeting with about 12 attendees, which was great. They appointed three people as co-chairs, Kathy Kurelic, Cathy Crosby, and Diane Halloran. She said they made a contribution of \$100 each to Greene and Putnam County Habitat for Humanity, and that the Soup and Sandwich Saturday continues to be well-attended and appreciated, including the parish donations of blankets and warm clothing. The food pantry is full. They also made 100 Valentine Goodie Boxes for Jim and Danelle Borland to give to their Meals on Wheels folks, which were greatly appreciated. And, they gave a \$400 check to the Quilters group to help with their expenses in making quilts for Circle of Love. Mimi thanked Linda for composing the letters for the nail-cross fundraiser, which she and Nancy mailed out. Nancy had a banner made for Drive-by Ashes at Fred's and took photos. Sharon, Mimi, Nancy, Lucy, and Father Bill participated in the preparation of the ashes; they gave out all the ashes that they prepared. Mimi sent some photos that she took at the Soup and Sandwich Saturday to the Harold Journal. Everett said that he has had conversations with both Stan Mileski and Jim Borland about stewardship and will ask both to be on his committee.

RECTOR'S REPORT

Rev. Bill and vestry discussed pastoral issues. And, everyone wished him a Happy Birthday tomorrow.

CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Bill closed the meeting at 5:40 PM and the group joined in The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Fox, Vestry Secretary

