

November 16, 2022, Vestry Meeting, Redeemer Activity Center

Attending: Connie Karpinsky, Linda Chesbro, Sharon Bryan, Mimi Vickers, Les Reed, Everett Price, Bill Combs, Heather Kennerson

Zoom: Carl Stollenmeyer, Cathy Crosby. Absent Christine Young

3:04. Meeting opened with prayer by Cathy Crosby

**Minutes:** Minutes were approved as motioned by Everett & seconded by Linda.

**Treasurers Report:** (see attached)

October - Pledges caught up in October. Non-pledges and plate donations were higher than budgeted. Most expenses were in inline with budget.

Year to Date - We are over budget on Pledges, non-pledges and plate. Over budget on Maintenance. Most other items are in line.

Other - we have \$1400 in account designated for OFK. Upscale Resale made grand total of \$18,000 to be donated equally to the Food Banks of Greene and Putnam Counties. Housing is positive. We have \$223,000, with \$80,000 earmarked for special. It was determined that \$75,000 be placed into the Edward Jones Money Market account as it paying a higher interest percentage.

Treasurer's report was approved as was motioned by Les and seconded by Linda.

**Endowments:** After discussion, Carl Motioned and Les seconded, and approved to add the amended wording to the Endowment document. See attached.

**Vestry Nominees:** We have filled the slate: Ann Goff, Jim Hudson and Michael Kelly. Les motioned and Everett seconded to accept the slate and was approved. The Annual Meeting will be January 15 with installation of new members. It was decided that the 2023 Vestry Retreat be held on Wednesday January 18. Connie will try to reserve The Landings or the Reynolds Commons.

**Renovations/ Capital Campaign:**

The Renovation committee has met. It was suggested that since, because we cannot disturb the historic footprint of the Church and gardens, perhaps, a small free standing bathroom building could be build behind the church. Other renovations to the Activity Center are being considered. David Matheny of the ATM Architectural Group in Athens will work up several plans taking in the wishes of the committee and taking in consideration the structural needs of the building, as well as possibly a bridge from the path way behind the church to the second story of the activity center. This would be Phase 1 and the cost would be approximately \$30,000. This would give the Vestry concrete plans to show the parishioners and the amount of capital needed to go forward with the plan. After much discussion, Connie moved that the Vestry spend up to \$30,000 for Architect fees for Phase 1 and was seconded by Mimi. A vote was called with all but one Vestry member voting yes.

**New business:**

The Church secretary Brinkley Pound has requested that a new computer/laptop be purchased. Prices and brands were discussed and Carl volunteered to investigate software options. Les moved to purchase with Linda second. Voted and approved to purchase.

**Warden Reports:**

Jr Warden: Les reported that 19 people took part in the clean up day on October 22. The sand for the flagstones still needs to be put down, but the gardens were cleaned up and windows done. Les paid a young man and Joseph \$60 each for their help. A parishioner has donated the money to have several trees taken down on the newly acquired property next to Children's Center. The Car Ministry has given an recently donated car to a mom with 2 children and another to a very deserving young woman (newly emancipated from her parents) who is living on her own, going to school and working two parttime jobs.. Sharon suggested that we hire someone to do the filling in of the flagstones.

Sr. Warden: Linda has been busy with Vestry nominations, with nothing else new.

Growth and Development: Connie reported that money has been spent on facebook to boost our site. She asked that each vestry member consider making a simple 'testimonial' to be posted on the site periodically. She also offered Outreach \$1000 from her budget to be used for food gift cards, as she would not need the remainder.

Outreach: Sharon reported that OFK will be having a sit down Holiday Lunch on December 4, instead of the take away lunch. Methodist Youth will assist and Volunteers from all churches will help The Presbyterian Group. 100 plus are being served every week. Vestry voted to donate \$1000 from the Church's outreach account to OFK.

Communication: Mimi reported that the Home Depot Team did build the two 6x12 raised beds on November 10, on the top of the hill behind the Boys and Girls Club. She spent \$54 for winter plants and vegetables which the children planted. She submitted the story and Photos to all the local newspapers and story to radio.

Stewardship: Everett is getting positive feedback regarding pledges. Connie will give Everett an piece to use in the newsletter next week sharing her feelings about Redeemer.

Christian Education: Cathy emailed her report-attached.

Housing: Carl reported that all is going well at condo.

Parish Life: Christine sent in her report. Harvest gathering was great success with 41 attending. Advent wreath making coming up Friday November 18. No date is set for the winter folk mass.

Rector's report: Ann Goff, Diane Halloran and Father Bill attended the Annual Council. Eatonton and Washington no longer have a priest in residence. Bill is willing to go and have a service mid week if asked. He advised us that several parishioners with health issues are doing better.

Meeting closed at 5:00 with Lord's Prayer.