

October 19, 2022, Vestry meeting, Activity Center

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

3:05 Father Bill opened meeting with prayer:

September Minutes: Connie recalled that it was suggested to add \$500 to Outreach budget. Correction was made. Les moved and Connie seconded and all approved the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Sept Operating: Heather reported that pledges were under budget by \$8440 as were non-pledges by \$110. Plate collection over by \$95. Most expenses were inline or under budget.

Year to date: Total revenue is under budget by about \$7402. Maintenance is over budget mainly to the clean up of the newly acquired adjacent property. Most other expenses are in line with budget. We have operating loss of \$8600 and we budgeted for about \$9772 loss.

Other income/ expenses: We continue to spend \$250/month for Our Father's Kitchen. There is \$1866 in the OFK "account" from parishioner donations. Cash Calendar continues with payouts with \$4055 remaining. Housing ministry continues to receive rent with cash balance of \$3784. The T Rowe, Diocesan, and Spectrum Mutual funds have decreased in value but have earned some income. Edward Jones Money Market fund is earning a little interest at 2.18%. The congregation raised \$58,000 for The Sabbatical. There have been a few sabbatical expenses so far.

Balance sheet: The Church is in good cash standing with \$181,000 with \$82,000 earmarked for special things.

Les moved and Mimi seconded and all approved the treasurer's report.

Heather suggested that we need to have another signer of the checks with Ed Coleman moving. Connie agreed to be the signer as moved by Linda and seconded by Carl with all approving.

OLD BUSINESS:

Endowment Les presented his information on Charitable Remainder Trusts. (see attached document) With discussion it was decided to speak to Keith Cooley about having the language added to the our endowment plan. Vestry will vote next month.

Vestry Nominations. We have two nominees-Jim Hudson and Mike Kelly. It was thought that Linda Chesbro could be a nominee, as she served for 2 years finishing another member's term, however Diocesan Canon 31(see attached) says that cannot be done. After discussion it was decided that the vestry must reach out to the Congregation verbally and in writing. Les and Linda volunteered to speak individually to Congregation to ask parishioners to search their hearts and make the commitment to serve. Connie and Cathy will each write a paragraph for the newsletter.

Architect/Capitol Campaign. There has been communication with the Architect, but no plans as yet. Len Scullion is now committee head as John Fox has other commitments. Currently the committee is considering only the 1st floor to include: handicapped bathrooms, a room to

to seat 120, and new kitchen. Approximate cost possibly \$500,00-550,000 with about four months to complete.

Phase 1 requires \$35,000 to architectural firm for assessing the needs.

Phase 2. Actual blueprints.

Les voiced concern that the committee had not met for some time. Once they have met, Len is invited to attend the vestry meeting to share the information.

Annual Meeting and Vestry Retreat. Vestry decided to hold Annual Meeting January 15, 2023, and to check calendars for February 4, 2023 for the Vestry Retreat.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Council. Father Bill shared that he, Diane Halloran and Ann Goff will be attending the Annual Council at Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Atlanta, and he has reserved three hotel rooms.

Clergy for Sabbatical: There are two options (see attached)

1st. Supply Priest for Saturday and Sunday services and possibly for Christian Education class, but not available for weekday. Wardens and Vestry would oversee Sabbatical projects and Daily needs. Most economical option - about \$3,250

2nd. An interim priest would be hired to be available for a particular amount of time during the week as well as doing the Saturday and Sunday services. The expense could be between \$8,400-11,000.

Father Bill has spoken to Father Bob Kirkpatrick, now retired and living in PA, who had been Rector at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Covington. It appears that he is willing to come down for the duration to be our interim priest. Details are being worked out.

WARDEN'S REPORTS:

Sr. Warden: Linda reported that much time has been spent on vestry nominee search. Secondly, Should the Midnight Christmas Eve Service be continued? Would we have a Christmas Day Mass as it does fall on Sunday. Discussion followed. Father is on board with no late Christmas Eve Service, however we will have the earlier 5:00 service. Christmas Day service will be regular liturgy with no organ, (a cappella singing). Father Bill feels it's important as it is a Sunday.

Jr. Warden: Les reported that several parishioners wrote to him and Father Bill with concerns that many of the parishioners are 'aging' out of the Clean Up Days. Wielding chain saws, digging up plants, spreading mulch and weeding are becoming difficult. Les has hired one young man to help with the heavier tasks and may be able to get another. He also reported that an anonymous parishioner donated \$500 to have the large tree on the lot next to the Children's Center taken down. The punch code lock will be installed on the Children's Center door. Church windows will be cleaned and cobwebs cleaned away. 20 people have signed up to help. Vestry is looking into using high school students who need community service hours to help for next spring. Jim Borland will be asked about the Boys and Girls Club members helping out. Les has acquired another car for the Car Ministry and is looking for a deserving family. There is a possibility for another car. The mouse traps seemed to have solved the mouse issue as none have been seen in the church or activity center recently. The ACS bill for repairing the HVAC was higher than budgeted.

Parish Life: Christine reported that there are forty parishioners signed up for the Fall Gathering October 26, 4-7 pm, at the Landings Community Building. The Advent Wreath making event is November 18, at the LOLC Community Building. There are plans for another Folk Mass at LOLC in January.

Outreach: Sharon reported that 108 lunches were served on October 15 with eleven volunteers making those lunches. Our Father's Kitchen is running low on funds due to the numbers of lunches being served every week. It is taking \$250 each Saturday to buy the food. She asked, since we have \$1866 earmarked in our OFK fund, could we donate \$1000 to OFK. It was discussed. Sharon moved and Connie seconded to do so and all approved.

Publicity: Mimi reported that the Home Depot has come through and Team will set up the raised garden beds at the Boys and Girls Club on November 3. Time TBD.... Mimi will get photos and do a write up for the paper.

Stewardship: Everett reported that the Kickoff for Stewardship will be the Weekend of October 29-30.

Housing Ministry: Carl reported that John Keyser went to NJ to spread Charlotte's ashes in September.

RECTOR'S REPORT:

Father will be on vacation October 31-November 6. John Fox will preside at the LOLC Evening prayer service Saturday, October 29 and Beth Long will be preside on Sunday, October 30. There continues to be parishioners with health issues and several moving away. Cards are appreciated. Father attended the Committal Service for Peggy Cooley's parents on October 15. There will be a burial service for Charlotte Keyser's ashes in November.

The meeting closed at 5:30 with the Lord's Prayer.