

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
Vestry Meeting, September 22, 2021

ATTENDANCE:

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

OPENING PRAYER: Rev. Bill opened the meeting and Everett led the group in prayer.

APPROVAL OF VESTRY MINUTES – AUGUST, 2021

The minutes were approved as amended as moved by Les and seconded by Nancy.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Rev. Bill discussed the report in Heather's absence, noting that little has changed since last month. (Copy of the August Financial Report and Heather's notes attached.) The pledge donations are on track with our budget, and we have a surplus of \$12,500 in our non-pledge and plate donations. We have a monthly deficit in net income after expenses of \$2349.39 versus the budgeted amount of \$9000. Year to date, our budgeted expenses are within \$700 of the projected amount. Overall we are ahead of our budget year-to-date by \$13,127. There is no new outstanding debt and we are in a strong financial position. The Financial Report was approved as moved by John and seconded by Everett.

BUSINESS

*Annual Meeting

Vestry discussed the date of our annual meeting and decided on November 14th, following the Holy Eucharist.

*Update on Vestry Nominations for October Annual Meeting

Cathy Crosby has agreed to run for Vestry, and we are still seeking other candidates. After the meeting, Connie Karpinsky called Ed to say that she will also run for Vestry. There is no stipulation in the By-Laws as to the number of members on Vestry.

*Update on leasing the metal building

John has received the second quote from Lake Boys for \$70,000, which is \$1000 less than the quote from Mike Storey. He asked if Wilhoit is still interested in a 3-5 year lease and Rev. Bill said that they are. John will confirm this. John discussed the details of the quote, and it was determined that a rent of \$1200/month would bring in \$75,000 over five years.

Update on "Ice House" demolition

Les emailed Vestry on September 22nd about the estimates he will get. He found two commercial contractors to bid on a scope of work that included the repair of the trusses and roof boards that are rotted. The new roof will have 1-1/2 inch of rigid foam insulation cover with a 60 mil layer of thermoplastic olefin (TPO) single ply roofing fabric. This is a very good roof. The low bid was \$29,500 from Square-It-Up Roofing, who have been in the business for twelve years and are qualified to do the job. Les provided Vestry with a letter of his recommendation to accept the bid from Square-It-Up Roofing, along with the Scope of Work (copies attached). Les feels that this is the low cost alternative to the tear down, which would leave an unsightly hole in the ground. John agreed that there is risk involved in the tear down – it might end up being more complicated and costing more than the estimate of \$46,850.00. It is important to be certain that we can achieve structural stability before making this

decision. Nancy moved that we hire a structural engineer to review the building. This was seconded by Les and approved by all.

***Update repairs of the Children's Center**

John met with John Villatoro at the Children's Center and they determined that most of the rot involves the bottom of the columns. John can cut out and repair 6-8 inches at the bottoms of the two columns, then finish with primer and two coats of paint. He will also scrape, re-prime, and paint the remainder of the building and the cost will be between \$4000-\$5000. This work falls within the maintenance budget. They will use the same paint that we used to restore the church.

***Update Eagle Scout project for Redeemer Memorial Garden**

Nancy said that Liam received approval from the Scouts and he is thrilled. They received the bench and the boys put it together at a scout meeting. They then used Scott's bleaching oil which turned it into a beautiful gray. October 9th is the work day, and it will include adding stone, soil mix, and perennials. We will dedicate this bench and seating area following a Sunday service, and will follow with Coffee Hour and a tour of the gardens.

***Sabbatical for Bill**

Rev. Bill provided Vestry with a paper from Lilly Endowment about their Grant for clergy sabbaticals (copy included). They recommend sabbaticals at a span of 5-8 years after ordination. Rev. Bill was ordained 18 years ago and has never had a sabbatical. It would entail a three month absence which would mean 13 weeks with a supply priest. This would involve forming a committee with Rev. Bill. He would like to explore Celtic spirituality and contemplative prayer in Scotland and Wales. This probably won't be available until next October and he would like to make it a summer trip.

***Vestry Clerk Position**

Susan Fox will be stepping aside after December. Vestry discussed ideas for replacement. It was agreed to ask Kathy Kurelic, who later agreed to take the position.

LIAISON AND WARDEN REPORTS

*Linda said that we have a full calendar for Sunday School with the exception of an open spot January 15th-30th. Following the Cosmic Egg study, we will have an overview of the Acolytes', Readers', and Greeters' duties, followed by two Sundays of interfaith speakers, a study of Second Isaiah, Advent in art, African American spirituals, a study of Barbara Brown Taylor's *An Altar In The World*, a study of *Feast in Film*, and the Creative Process Part Two – drawing from our church members. On June 5th we begin our Summer Bible Study.

*Nancy spoke with Mimi who said she has sent articles to the papers about the upcoming Upscale Resale, even in Madison and Milledgeville. Father Bill will have a drive by blessing of the animals at Fred's on October 2nd at 10AM; there will be a second blessing on October 3rd in the Memorial Garden at 4PM.

*Christine said that her committee agreed to have the Advent Wreath-making event on Thursday, November 18th from 9:30-12:30, at The Landing Recreation Center. It will be free and the basic materials will be available. She will place an announcement in the bulletin in the next weeks. She said that the Cash Calendar will have something coming out in mid October and by November 1st they will be ready for distribution.

*Everett would like to know about our budget for printing before our next Annual Meeting. Rev. Bill said that this would come under administration expenses.

*Sharon sent her Outreach report to Vestry via email (copy attached), since she was unable to attend the meeting.

RECTOR'S REPORT

Rev. Bill discussed pastoral issues with Vestry.

CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Bill closed the meeting at 6:25 PM and the group joined in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fox, Vestry Secretary