

August 16, 2022, Vestry meeting, ZOOM

Attending: Father Bill Combs, Carl Stollenmeyer, Les Reed, Everett Price, MiMi Vickers, Connie Karpinsky, Christine Young, Cathy Crosby, Linda Chesbro, Heather Kennerson .

Absent: Sharon Bryan

3:00 MiMi opened meeting with Prayer

June minutes approved as Moved by Linda and seconded by Carl.

Treasurer's Report:

June: Pledges continued to be over budget with non-pledges under and plate donations slightly over. Most expenses were in line with budget. We received \$4470 from LOYA to help cover payouts on cash calendar for the rest of the year. Our investments are down due to Stock market, but we are in good cash standing.

June report approved by all as moved by Cathy Crosby and seconded by Carl.

July: pledges, non-pledges, and plate donations were all over budget. Maintenance was over budget, due to the clearing of the former McGarrity property. We continue to be under budget on church employees since Elaine's retirement. We continue to support our Father's Kitchen with our \$250 monthly donation. The investments are still down due to current market circumstances, however we continue to be in good cash standing.

July report approved by all as moved by Everett and seconded by MiMi.

COVID Exposure: precautions are being taken as a parishioner in attendance at church Sunday August 14 tested positive. All who were in prolonged/direct contact were notified. father Bill suggests masks and he will wear mask entire service August 21 and will not distribute communion, but will have a selected lay person help him. He will put notice in weekly newsletter advising parish of the plan.

VESTRY NOMINATIONS: Everett suggested that the 3 outgoing Vestry members (Linda, MiMi, and Everett) become the nominating committee for nominees. After some discussion it was Agreed on by all as moved by Cathy and seconded by Linda. Nominee list must be presented twenty days before annual meeting.

UPDATE ON RENOVATION PLAN:

The architect met with John Fox and the committee in the Activity Center in July.

The needs, wants and ideas were discussed and he will present a plan. Father Bill is checking to see when the plans can be expected. Len Scullion will be guiding the the committee as, John has some obligations he needs to attend to.

HIRING NEW ADMINISTRATOR:

We have had one applicant with excellent resume, however it is a parish member. Father will be interviewing this person on 8/18.

MID YEAR VESTRY LIAISON REPORTS:

Administration/Senior Warden: Linda reported it has been rewarding to work closely with Father Bill on the the Sabbatical application process, Elaine and her retirement and all the associated endeavors.

Building and Grounds/Junior Warden: Les reported that there has been much to maintain.

1. Ice House Roof repaired. Still looking for renter for the now dry space.
2. Clearing the former McGarrity property. There are still several trees to be removed. The property was sprayed with a weed preventer. Wilhoit removed the old propane tank free of charge. Les requested the Clerk write a thank you note. The large hole will have metal poles and yellow caution tape around it for safety purposes. There is space that could possibly be used as a garden.
3. HVAC upstairs in Activity center. Not working, but \$700 for parts should correct.
4. Flagstone walkway on north side of church. After getting some high estimates, (including taking them out and replacing with concrete, taking out and re-laying with proper gravel and sand base) it has been determined that that the most expedient plan for the walkway is filling between the stones with a clay product. Les is looking further into that.
5. Children's center is in definite need of face lift on exterior.
 1. Bottom line - continuous Maintenance is needed.
6. *Christian education:* Cathy reviewed the past six months and share the next year's plan, including a 6 week course on Barbara Taylor Brown's An Altar in the World, an introduction the labyrinth, and Celtic spirituality among many Christian Educational opportunities. Please read attached.
7. *Communications:* MiMi reported that that she has had newspaper articles published about the blessing of the animals, drive by ashes, soup and sandwich Saturdays, and an ad placed in the Worship Guide. We are getting publicity through Nextdoor and Facebook as well. MiMi is also making progress on the Community Garden The Pete Nance Boys and Girls Club is on board and the project should begin this fall. Home Depot has a program and will be on board as well. Jim Borland and MiMi went to see the Crawfordville gardens. The plan is that it will be a hands on project for the students.
8. *Growth and Development :* Connie reported that we now have brochures, pew welcome cards, business cards and new car decals. We had a new members' reception at Lucy's family home. She continues to post information on Facebook and Nextdoor as opportunities rise. Upscale resale will be held October 1.
9. *Outreach:* Sharon (see attached) reported that Our Father's Kitchen is doing well . Churches are now serving about 100 lunches each Saturday with 6 being delivered to shut-ins. Heather suggested that there should be signage telling which church is sponsoring the lunch ... all agreed and it will be brought to the OFK board's attention. The Greene County Homeless Coalition has connected with Family Promise and a Webinar will be available on 8/23, 12-1pm. We have assisted 9 individuals with needs. We sponsored 5 families with food and Easter baskets for the children.
10. *Parish Life:* Christine reported that the pancake brunch held on Tuesday March 3 was met with success, so will do that again next Fat Tuesday. Also in March Foyer's Group was kicked off after the Covid hiatus. In may we had a Folk Mass May 21 at the Saturday Service at LOLC. Another is planned for the fall, with GCSU students participating whom will received a stipend. We must

pay for music rights for songs that are not in our hymnals. In April there was a Luncheon held after the Sunday service in Elaine's honor. There was a reception after Charlotte Keyser's funeral service as well. Save the dates for these fall events: September 17 the next folk mass, October 26, the parish Harvest Gathering picnic at the Landings' community building and November 18, Advent wreath making at the Lutheran Community Center on Lake Oconee Parkway.

11. *Stewardship*: Everett reported on the Liaison/Vestry presentations. Growth & Development (Connie's) presented several Sundays in June with Dorothy Holst and Jim Borland sharing their stories. Christian Education (Cathy's) shared on August 27/28 at LOLC and Redeemer. Outreach (Sharon) will be sharing in September. Stewardship (Everett) will be sharing in October. This will be the beginning of the pledge drive. Everett suggested that perhaps the Vestry could send personal notes to parishioners, not to solicit pledges, but to remind them how vibrant Redeemer is.
12. *Worship and Housing*: Carl shared (see attached) His primary job is scheduling readers and greeters. He is on the the readers and greeters as well. He lead an evening service a LOLC for first time on August 6. Carl is also the chair of the Housing Committee. He does not recommend that we retain ownership of the condo, if and when John Keyser moves out. There are going to be assessments on the Condo due to needed repairs for the complex. Carl will pay assessments, but would like to have repayment of the monies he pays to back to him or his estate at the time the condo would be sold.

Pastor's Report: Father Bill shared pastoral concerns. It was suggested that cards be sent to several parishioners who are having health issues.

Cathy Crosby held a zoom Prayer service for one of of parishioners and there is a plan to create a Prayer Committee... more next month.

Meeting closed at 5:15 with the Lord's Prayer.