

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER  
Vestry Meeting, June 16, 2021

ATTENDANCE:

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

OPENING PRAYER:

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

APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES

The minutes were approved as emended, as moved by Les and seconded by John.

TREASURER'S REPORT – May, 2021

Rev. Bill discussed the report with Vestry (copy of Heather's notes and report attached). In summary, we are doing well, with pledge, non-pledge, and plate incomes above budget by about \$5000. We are above budget in our music costs by about \$2000, while our other expenses are in line or a little below budget. There is an operating income for the month of \$532, when we had budgeted for a loss of about \$4700. We have also received designated gifts totaling \$4500, from Frank and Cathy Crosby, and from John Waters. Our Small Business Association Payroll Protection Program loan has been completely forgiven, so it is now shown as "other income" in the amount of \$25,869.00. The report was approved as moved by Les and seconded by John.

BUSINESS

\*Worship Transition

-Discontinuing the 11:00 Service

After some discussion it was agreed to discontinue the 11:00 service as of Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed that the Saturday and 9:30 service will be open to all people. If vaccinated, there is no need to wear a mask unless the person prefers to wear one, and people who are not vaccinated will be strongly encouraged to wear a mask and socially distance. Because of the small size of the Redeemer Sanctuary, those who are not vaccinated may prefer to attend the LOLC service on Saturday where it is easier to spread out. Rev. Bill shared a CDC guideline for Choosing Safer Activities (Copy Attached). The online live-streaming will continue at the 9:30 Sunday service.

-Discontinuing Daily Office Online

Vestry agreed that it is time to discontinue the Daily Office because of dwindling attendance since the beginning of live services.

-Hiring Tech Support

Rev. Bill said that no one within the church has stepped up to help with recording the 9:30 services. John said that if either he or Connie could not be present, Rev. Bill should be able to start the recording up, and let it run without manual adjustments. Vestry discussed options of places to look for hiring technical assistants, including Greene County Youth Alliance, Lake Oconee Academy, and Lake Oconee Youth Alliance.

-Bulletin Configuration

All agreed that the bulletin is a bit cumbersome and needs some work.

#### -Indoor Refreshments

Vestry agreed that it is time to move the coffee hours inside for both Saturday and Sunday services.

#### \*Other Considerations

It needs to be determined what the Camp Mikell protocols are for non-vaccinated people, as Dere'On will not be getting vaccinated. Kathy Kurelic can work on this with Chris and Dere'On. Adult Education will move to 3:30 on Saturdays and 10:30 on Sundays, beginning June 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### \*Update on Leasing the Metal Building

John said he will be meeting with two contractors next week.

#### \*Update Ice House

John said that the Lake Boys will give him their Ice House demolition estimate when they meet with him to look at the Metal Building. He is guessing the cost will be around \$60,000 - \$70,000 for a new wall, repairing the exterior kitchen wall, and keeping the floor slab in place. We need to find out if we will be held to the new setback requirements by the city. There was some discussion about the trees, and John said that there are two sets of trees that are owned by two different owners – none of the trees are on our property. It is possible that we could cut them back ourselves, with the owners' permission, but this would be expensive – around \$3000-\$4000. John has sent some requests to the McGarrity's about their trees. He also said that it is dangerous to get people up on the roof to clean off the debris from the trees.

#### \*Update Activity Center

John said that he has had difficulty reaching Ben Carter and finally called his partner Joe Wilkins about our desire to meet with them to discuss the scope of our plans for the Activity Center, to inform our new vestry members, and to discuss our "wish list" as well as what is most important to us. He handed out a scope outline which was developed in 2019, entitled Rules of Thumb Space & Dimensions Recommendations (copy attached). The estimated cost in 2019 was around \$870,000, which would include a code study by the architect, a 4500 square foot floor plan, elevators, a draw bridge to the sanctuary, handicap restrooms upstairs and down, and 1200 square feet for offices. A question was asked about a walkway from the sacristy to the children's center (versus the activity center) and John said that Ben Carter did not like that idea. After Vestry's meeting with the architects, they can draw up a schematic plan at a cost of \$4500. If all is approved and financed, we can go ahead with the construction documents, and the architects' fee would be around 5% of the building cost.

#### \*External Audit

We are required to have an external audit every three years and we are due. Heather and Ed will find the name of the accountant that Joe Jordan used in the past, and line that up.

#### \*Looking Ahead to the Fall

Rev. Bill said that we will not have a Vestry Meeting in July, but he will meet with everyone individually to discuss their liaison position plans. He will send out a Google document for people to choose meeting times starting next week and extending over the next two weeks.

#### LIAISON CHECK-INS

\*Sharon said that Mimi had the idea of possibly offering fresh produce at the Soup and Sandwich Saturdays during the summer months. She also said that the Outreach Committee will explore the possibilities for outreach opportunities relating to the start of school this year.

\*Christine said that twelve families (19 people) attended the picnic, comprising both Sunday and Saturday people, under the outdoor front portico of the Lutheran church. It went very well, despite some rainy weather. She and Ann Goff met for lunch to discuss their Parish Life plans towards the Fall. She said that Pat Chapman has also agreed to be part of this committee. She asked if there is a line item in our budget for Parish Life. Rev. Bill said that he will check with Heather.

\*Mimi asked if there is a place in our budget that is designated for promotion of the church's activities and advertising. She mentioned that Connie absorbs the costs of the promotion she does online. Rev. Bill will also ask Heather about this.

#### RECTOR'S REPORT

Rev. Bill said that Cathy Crosby was received on Saturday June 29<sup>th</sup>, and John led Evening Prayer at the Saturday Service. He said that he will be away for vacation and will be off July 19<sup>th</sup> through August 5<sup>th</sup>. He has been unable to find supply priests, and so we will have Evening and Morning Prayer for the Saturday and Sunday services during that time. He discussed pastoral issues. He also said that Yvonne Jordan is planning a Memorial Service for Joe at Redeemer on Sunday afternoon, October 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Bill closed the meeting at 6:05 and the group joined in The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Fox, Vestry Secretary