

May 25, 2022, Vestry meeting, Activity Center

*Attending:* Everett Price, Mimi Vickers, Linda Chesbro, Connie Karpinsky, Sharon Bryan, Heather Kennerson, Father Bill Combs.

*Zoom:* Christine Young, Cathy Crosby, Les Reed, Carl Stollenmeyer, John Fox

*Meeting was slightly delayed due to accident on Rt 44*

3:08 Meeting opened with prayer (Litany in the Wake of a Mass Shooting) led by Linda Chesbro. (Attached)

**Les gave his Vestry liaison report 1<sup>st</sup> as follows:**

1. 4 tube light fixtures have been replaced with LED tube fixtures in lower level of Activity Center for \$135. The rest can be replaced at a cost of approximately \$1000 including the electrician's installation.
2. Ring door bell system will be installed.
3. The stump has been removed/ground.
4. Ice House in ready to be rented out & Jimmy Hudson is looking for renters.

5. He has checked out our newly to be acquired McGarrity property. His recommendations include:

Filling the hole. which could take 65 tons of fill dirt

@\$35/ton. - Or building a wooden platform/cover of the hole.

Removing the 'scale house', approximately \$1000

The big propane tank needs to be removed.

Trees need to be taken down and lot needs to be bush

hogged

6. Flowerbeds at Ice House need to be cleaned up.

7. Car ministry- Knights of Columbus have donated \$800.

Yvonne Jordan plans to donate her car.

The Mercedes has been damaged & best we can do is get about \$200 for scrap metal.

*Vestry Discussion:* McGarrity Property- Father Bill suggested that be tabled for now. Suggested that Les will make outline of costs & time line to be further addressed at next meeting.

The light fixtures: Linda suggested we do down, but wait on the up. There were concerns about the possible renovation

and reusing. Carl suggested that it be done & the decision made to do it, as it is in the budget. Les will proceed.

Kim Bennett, Circle of Love, informed us that they will be moving out of our space- vacating completely by end of July. She reported that they found water in the space & Les will be remediating the problem with drains and flowerbeds adjusted.

#### MINUTES:

Linda moved & Mimi seconded that minutes be approved-Vestry approved.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT: (attached)

Heather reviewed the financial report:

**April:** Pledges were over budget, as were non-pledges. Most expenses are in line with budget.

**Year to date:** Due to overall increase in income to the pledges and non-pledges, we are in good shape. Most expenses are inline with budgeted amounts.

**Other income/expense:** Soup and Sandwich Saturday, now Our Father's Kitchen at the Methodist Church, is doing well. We contribute \$250/month to the Kitchen fund. Cash calendar is paying out to winners. Housing ministry is receiving the rent checks.

#### **Balance sheet as of 4/30/22:**

Church is in good cash standing with no long-term debt & very little operating liabilities.

Carl moved, Linda seconded & Vestry approved.

#### **Holy Conversations & Capital Campaign**

##### JOHN FOX REPORT:

John has 2 committees assembled (Christine Young, Len Scullion, Everett Price, John Braly, Keith Cooley, Les Reed, Connie Karpinsky, Linda Chesbro, Carl Stollenmeyer) and has also connected with the Athens architect. They are looking at the lower level of the Activity Center for the renovation. The committees will meet monthly or more often as needed until a plan is determined. The next meeting will be June 6. John anticipates that it could take 6-9 months to develop a plan and expected cost could be in the neighborhood of \$500,000-\$600,000. Plan, hopefully, will include covered drop off area, handicapped

bathrooms, a chapel, offices moved downstairs, renovated kitchen and sitting area for 120. Endowments could help with the expense of renovations. John will talk to Keith Cooley and get the information to parish. We can also borrow the money needed against the pledges received.

### **PARISH SECRETARY REPLACEMENT**

Father Bill has spoken to several other rectors and has compiled a job description (attached). The job will be advertised in Diocesan Communications and on NextDoor. Father Bill will do initial interviews (by phone or in person) and a committee will be formed (to include Connie, Heather & Linda) to interview his selected candidates. Everett moved, Linda seconded & Vestry approved an hourly rate of \$18-20/hour, at Father Bill's & committee's discretion. Job will be 20 hours a week. Question was raised about working remotely-not sure if that could be possible.

Until the job is filled, Father could use some help on Thursday's or Friday's, printing the bulletin, picking up the mail, sending some emails, and checking phone messages. He will send out an email asking for volunteers. Carl will coordinate the schedule.

### **McGarrity Property**

An agreement was reached and closing will be at the end of June.

### **2021 Audit**

Heather is searching for a CPA. Diocesan audit procedures are to be followed. Connie's daughter will be contacted. Father will speak to other rectors in area to get recommendations.

### **Other Financial Concerns**

Heather suggested that a third person be able to sign checks in addition to herself and Ed Coleman. Heater speculated that it might be a good idea to have two signatures on checks written above and an X (to be determined) amount.

Heather also suggested that a new account be created for Outreach activity and that the vestry had approved this before the pandemic. Sharon will ask Lucy Olgetree if she would be willing to be a signer as

she is often assisting Father with the RDF (Rector's Discretionary Fund).

## **Liaison Reports**

**Growth:** Connie reported that the New Member Reception held at Lucy Ogletree's *Wrayswood Homestead* was a success. 25 parishioners attended. She will be speaking to the parish about her position on the vestry at services on the weekend of June 4-5.

**Communication:** Mimi reported that the publicity for Our Father's Kitchen is taken care of. The community garden: Stacey McClendon of the Boys and Girls Club is on board, but he has to clear it with their Corporate Board on June 13. In the mean time, Mimi has been checking into costs for raised beds-approx \$100/bed. A suggestion was made to write to Home Depot Corporate asking for donation of materials for the beds. Everett will check with Taliaferro County.

**OUTREACH:** Sharon asked Kathy Kurelic to report on the May 19, Our Father's Kitchen day. 9 volunteers worked. 85 lunches served. There were three Methodist church ladies there assisting with the clothes closet. Jim Whitaker, one of the worker's husband was most helpful. The kitchen layout is fantastic. However it was really hot, due to the gas stove and oven at rear of the room.

**Parish Life:** Christine Young reported that the Folk Mass was well received with 37 in the congregation. Many thanks to the singers: Katie Price, Cindi Coker, Linda Chesbro & Jim Hudson and to the musicians: Hu, Steve and Ken. The plan is in the works for another in the fall. The Redeemer Parish Picnic is planned for the fall. Date to yet be determined. We can use the LOLC community center with fee waived if we have it on a weeknight. Sharon reminded Christine that there is a Bulletin board for Parish Life in the Activity Center. Christine shared that her father, Stan Mileski, did well with his pacemaker surgery.

**Housing:** Carl will be attending the HOA meeting for the Condo Association on June 1.

**Rector's news:** Father Bill thanked all for the love and support he received during his mother's passing. He has visited Jenny Moore and she is doing better, but has a long road back to full recovery.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 5:08

