

## **Vestry Meeting June, 25 2023**

Mission Statement: To restore all people to unity with God and each other.

We strive to be a radically inclusive community with diverse and vibrant worship, intentionally focused on children and youth, caring for each other, and on being the hands and feet of Christ in all that we do.

Present: Paul, Jane, Joan, Andrew, Todd, Harry, Tom, Marsha, Steve

Absent: Aaron, Ashley

Devotional: Marsha

Father Paul called the meeting to order at 1:45pm and opened with gratitudes, and a prayer.

Prayer requests include: Pete, Paul P, Joan, Eva and kids at camp, Russia, refugees on Mediterranean ship on the Greek coast, thanksgiving for Sophie home from Haiti, Harry's in-laws, Curt

### Ordinary Business

- a) Approval of the Vestry Meeting Minutes - Motion to accept by Tom, Andrew 2nd, approved both April and May meetings
- b) Financial Reports - Motion to approve by Joan, Marsha 2nd. Approved unanimously, both April and May meetings

### New and Continuing Business

- a) Youth Center budget - for furnishing and use, etc. Fr. Paul distributed a plan with projected budget and pictures. It creates four use areas in the one main room. It is primarily intended for youth use. Eva met with Jane T, since Jane had information from the capital campaign. Tom has a contact with a furniture company that specializes in creating spaces for children. The final budget will probably end up being \$15K to \$20K. Could we have a plan drawn to scale? And then a solid estimate? We will ask for the Dunham's

help to create a space plan, or Paragon the furniture company. What about a sound system? Tom will contact Paragon to see if they can help us with the space plan, and scale drawings. It would be nice to have the space completed by the beginning of the school year. Next steps: Tom will contact Dunhams, and Paragon, and then email Paul and Harry the results. Vestry is supportive and is pursuing steps to create a finite plan and financing.

- b) Sabbatical planning - just a couple of follow up issues. Staff is working on particulars so things will be covered well. Bishop Sumner approved Fr. Dale Klitzke to step in. Fr. Ernie will lead pastoral care. They will each be in the office 2 days a week. Fr Paul will coordinate with stewardship campaign, and incorporate that as the lead article on @ascension. From Mid August into November, the reflections will be the lead article. Fr. Paul will update contact info on our website. Fr. Ernie does have a church email address. We could create one for Fr. Dale. Voice mail will be changed only on Fr. Paul's extension so both Fr. Dale and Fr. Ernie could monitor it. We will set up Fr. Paul's phone to go to Fr. Dale. We can try to get Fr. Ernie to the bank to be on the rector's discretionary account. Need a resolution to add Fr. Ernie McAfee to the rector's discretionary account. Fr. Paul is waiting to launch a third service until after the sabbatical. Fr. Ernie will preach once a month, and Fr. Dale to preach the other Sundays. Perhaps Janey could preach once in October on Stewardship. Fr. Steven Waller is a possibility. Fr. Paul will be back for Advent 1. The Vestry will need to figure out pay for Fr. Ernie and Fr. Dale while they are filling in. We could use some of the third service funds to help pay for this.
- Went to executive session: A resolution to add Fr. Ernie McAfee to the rector's discretionary account, was made by Harry Breda, second by Joan Romanosky. So moved, and passed unanimously.
- c) Reaching out to members -
- Marsha - 1) she would like to return to the practice of letting members make announcements. Fr. Paul prefers no more than three announcements after the service, and Fr. Paul needs to know ahead of time. The announcer must hold to 3 to 5 minute announcements. 2) do we have to sing every verse in every hymn? Sometimes they

are too long. She has received that feedback from several people. 3)  
The readers should not be walking toward the ambo during the  
previous activity. It's distracting to the congregation.

- Tom - Would we like to have a goal for stewardship campaign? Is it better to have a target or not? There are pros and cons to each approach. We will share what we did last year, and what we would like to add this year.

## Reports

- a) Junior Warden - Covered in committee report out
- b) Senior Warden - the trip to Houston for the ordinations of Laura and Randy was wonderful. Harry is working on the employee retention tax credit, with Jonathon and Aaron. His in-laws are now in Dallas.
- c) Rector - Had a good trip to Wisconsin with the family. At this time we are not rearranging the children's chapel spaces. ADS has tabled the partition of a classroom. The cost of having the Dinka on site is not just financial. Most is borne by the staff. He is in the process of doing a membership audit/review. Trying to get it done before placing order for name tags.

Upcoming events: Tacos on Tuesday, podcast groups, July 11 zoom session on meditation, Dining out, and a Pints with Paul July 18 at Civil Pour.

Other items for the good of the whole - none

Devotional next month - Tom

Closing prayer