

Vestry Agenda
July 18, 2016

In Attendance: Darlene Cross, Fr. John Dwyer, Mary Pendergrass, Elizabeth Grayden, Jeff Jensen, Barb Swanson, Jan Fillmore, Harold Danley, Mike Sirany, Ann DePaolis-Jones

Not in Attendance: Kathy Ackerman, Chris Lacher, Becky Lucas

Reading and Discussion: Church as a Village Green, by Sarah Bartenstein, part of the Vestry Papers issue on Building & Grounds (& Mission) July 2016

Volunteer for Pulse of the Parish: Barb

Approval of June 20 Minutes: Jeff moved to approve the June minutes as amended. Darlene seconded the motion and it was approved.

Additions to the agenda: Fundraising request from Marion and concerns about the riding lawn mower.

Financial Report: Fr. John reported that at 50% of the year we are \$4,483 in the red for the month, but we are \$13,924 in the black for the year. We are at 51.04% of budgeted income and at 47.84% of our budgeted expenses. Bills that don't occur monthly affect these numbers. We have a surplus of \$11,213 that is not reflected in the financial report. This is our cushion and we are hoping to keep it as a reserve. We are still doing well but the kitchen rental has been low which impacts us. The granola lady has only been here a couple of times and there have been no bites on the advertising we have put out. We need to keep trying to find renters for the kitchen. Michael suggested taking out an ad in one of the local papers. He will explore the costs. The carpet cleaning will be reflected in the July finances.

Ongoing Business:

Funeral Luncheons Follow up: The vestry reviewed the notes from the parish presentation including the options for catered luncheons, catered wine and cheese receptions or receptions with cake and coffee put on by parishioners. Consensus was that the meeting went well and people's opinions were respected. Jeff did a nice job facilitating and the parish seemed to accept that things need to move in this direction. St. Christopher's gift to the family will be decorating and beautifying the parish hall. Fr. John suggested that we find a few folks who would be willing to act as occasional sextants for a funeral, cleaning the sanctuary and putting tables, chairs away in the parish hall after the event. We could pay them \$100/event. Next steps include finding caterers confirm pricing. Fr. John and Mary will explore costs with caterers and put together a handout of options to give to families. This will hopefully be available by startup Sunday.

LED Bulb Fundraiser: Fr. John created a draft of a flyer that can go out to the parish explaining the fundraiser. We will save between \$3000-4000 per year in electric costs if we change all bulbs to LED bulbs. The fund raiser allows parishioners to purchase a bulb or room of bulbs. This would be a one-time donation, not a lifetime commitment.

Goals and Dreams Updates: Michael visited the Episcopal Communications website to get ideas for the communications team. One can view resources as well as dialog between church leaders around the country.

Columbarium Update: The stones are back and will go up this week. Fr. John reported that they look beautiful. We had a positive result from the recent sale and there are only twelve niches left in the existing columbarium. Finance team is looking at the cost of stones for the new columbarium with a concern that we may not be able to match the color of the existing stone in the future.

New Business:

Adjusted Mid-Year Budget: The finance team reviewed the first six months to see if adjustments are needed. They recommended a revised budget based on actual numbers. Fr John shared the recommended changes that included revisions in both income and expenses. The revised budget is balanced with a surplus of \$20. Barb moved that we accept the revised budget and Mary seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The finance team will review the budget again in October.

Team Budget Requests: Ruth is sending a letter to teams this week and they have three weeks to return their budget requests for 2017. The initial proposed budget goes to the finance team in August and to the vestry in September. It will then be shared with the parish during the October stewardship drive.

Start Up Sunday: Start up Sunday will be September 11, which is also our last 9:30 service for the summer. There was a discussion on the type of food to serve and on having teams available to share information with the parish on that day. Fr. John will connect with the team that organized the “foods on a stick” the past couple of years to see if they are interested in doing it again.

August Vestry Meeting and Picnic: The next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 24th at Jeff’s house, and will include a pot luck dinner for members and spouses. Mary will provide the meat and Jeff will email a list for folks to sign up to bring other foods. There will be a brief vestry meeting followed by dinner.

Fundraising Request from Marion: Marion submitted a request for a school supply collection for Keystone. She will be asking people to donate school supplies for two weeks, July 30 - August 14. Finance has approved the request. Mike made a motion that we approve this request and Harold seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Riding Lawn Mower: Harold reported that the riding lawn mower isn’t cutting. The battery was replaced this spring, but the blades don’t move. We have the lawn service so the mower isn’t being used. Harold will check to see if the store will buy it back and how much we would get for it.

Shout outs:

Volunteers who worked on reception for John and Ben’s marriage blessing

All volunteers who created the marvelous VBS experience

Don Shiek, Bruce Warkentien and all volunteers who moved furniture for carpet cleaning

Rector and Warden Comments

Member Comments and Concerns

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Submitted by Ann DePaolis-Jones