

Vestry Minutes May 17, 2021

6:45 Zoom

In attendance: Mike, Chris, Ann, Alexander, Josh, Al, Pat, Ross, Jeanna, Leslie, Allison, Tom [Not present: Fr. Randy, Erin]

- 6:50 pm** Mike Opening Prayer — by a rabbi, We cannot merely pray to you, O God, for peace: We must find our own paths to peace, within ourselves and with our neighbors . . .
- 6:50** Al Reading of Vestry Covenant
- 6:55** Mike Review/Approval of April minutes, Pulse of Parish presenters; Alexander moves approved with correction of Jeanna's last name; Al seconded; April minutes approved
- Pulse of the Parish 8 a.m., Chris; 10:30 a.m., Al
- 7:00** Tom Financial Updates
- Dedicated accounts PPP loan proceeds \$1,292; will complete it next month, using it for salaries. Will look less feather-bedded going forward. Should be forgivable loan.
- Current month budget vs. income: Offerings less than expected this month for the first time, pre-paying has ended. Building use is down because of budget. Building revenue is moving up only very slowly: Chinese day-care is paying \$1,000; would like to see it pick up to \$2,500. AA groups are coming since March. Music rentals are staying online so far. YTD on offerings better than budget.
- Expenses: part of salaries and benefits is PPP loan; Fr. Randy still half-time.
- So far, double the offerings. Income - expense = \$8,370 for the month
- 7:10** Mike Parking lot update — resurfaced and re-stripped on a Friday. Lot will need to be closed for driving and foot traffic for 24 hours. Day care will need to close for a day.
- Giving Garden expansion, request from Jeff Jensen: Finance recommendation. Very well planned. \$1371 to cover the cost, money available from memorial funds. Finance team approved. Drainage concerns met. Motion to approve Finance recommendation: Ann moved; Alexander seconded; Motion approved.

Toilet overflow and clean-up in Day Care — Insurance will cover the cost of new carpet; and will pay \$50 an hour for hours of clean-up. With volunteer work reimbursed.

- 7:15** Mike Exploratory team manifest on the Dellwood property: update. Property exploration project document. One team member suggested by Ann. Hope by next month, Mike, Chris, Fr. Randy, and Al, to have a team put together. Not certain of number of people needed for the team. Fr. Randy has had a conversation with Bishop Loya about having a hospice there and he supports the idea. Seeking to maintain tax-exempt status; generate income; do something in alignment with our mission.

(Josh offered in Chat: <https://www.minnpost.com/metro/2020/02/inviting-the-homeless-home-forest-lake-church-agrees-to-host-minnesotas-first-tiny-house-village/>)

New Business

- 7:20** Vestry Liaison reports: Ann — kitchen team, Julie Shiek, Cheryl Warkentien, Cynthia Verhey. Hoping to do a couple of events in the near future. Question about funeral team.
Josh — Karla and music folks will meet with Chris on Circle of Life
Alexander — Joel and the Green Team, have had Zoom meetings; will be working on re-organization
Pat — Finance: Hood cleaned and re-certified; the finance team will be meeting in person in June.
- Letter from Bishop Loya — will be guidelines from ECMN, no longer rules; Fr. Randy will review after they come out. Masks still to be worn in interior spaces for worship. Leslie: Joel and I support wearing masks; vaccinated people have caught COVID variants. Also kept flu and colds away.
- Leslie: Flower gardens clean-up: Six people did a lot of weeding and also clean-up. Don and Karen spread mulch
- Community dinners to resume? Al doesn't know; Connie wants to wait until the first of the year. Waiting for the Bishop's guidelines.
- 7:45** Michael on behalf of Fr. Randy: Rector report — 1) Not very interested in hosting MDH vaccination truck. They want us to do the advertising, which we will not take on. 2) Met with Anna Doherty, Rector of Christ Church in Woodbury. Very similar parish to ours, very well-

educated, combining our youth programs, which both have small numbers of young people. Being looked at now: sharing resources and services with their community. 3) Sunday, June 6, we will go to one 9:30 a.m. service.

7:55 Mike Proposal from Kathy Ackerman about Zoom coffee hour — numbers decreasing, what about dropping them for the summer? Can stop those for summer.

Kathy — coffee hour in summer? We could do that outside, Ann suggested. Otherwise have to wait for Bishop's guidance.

In-person gathering for future Vestry meetings? We will sit at separate tables and be masked for our June 21 meeting.

Alexander — visitor's card? Chris has sent an inquiry to Ruth.

Pat will be missing next month — Disney World calls

8:00 all Closing comments: Sr. Warden — grateful for all; Jr. Warden — it's been fun; clerk; Vestry

8:10 Josh Compline —

8:11 Adjournment Ross moves, Al seconds; approved

Next meeting of Vestry: Monday, June 21, 2021 6:45 pm
in the Parish Hall

Vestry Liaison Assignments

Pat	Finance
Jeanna	Recruitment, some communications
Ross	Communications
Josh	Music
Erin	Children's ministries
Al	Community Dinner/Keystone, and Archives
Leslie	Garden
Alexander	Green Team
Ann	Kitchen team, Funerals/Caterer
Allison	Web site, Communications (chair of team)