

Vestry Meeting – October 27, 2022

Attendance: Rev. Kelly Steele, Rev. David Wantland, Dave Neises, Kathy Field, Phil Snyder, Pete Kastner, Aubrey Browner, Sally Robinson, Doug Eberle, Kathryn McLearn, Suzanne Thomas.
Absent: Chris Goode, Babs Lutton, Susan Homar. Guest: Randy Stolt.

Vestry Covenant: Phil led the vestry covenant.

VPOC Reports: Dave moved to accept the VPOC reports. Pete seconded. All approved.

Year-End Reports: reports are due by mid-December otherwise funding can be lost.

Demographic Data Discussion: A new set of data has been distributed discussing the demographics of Skidaway Island. It paints a pretty interesting picture of the type of person/family that lives here. In essence – this is the richest area in the state with the highest price homes. How do we get affluent busy younger families interested in our church?

Finance: Doug stated that all parishioners who have not made payments on their 2022 pledges received letters asking them to make payments. Pledge income was up 65% thanks to those letters. Non-pledge income was very disappointing down 81%. Hoping market stability will improve. Expenses are under budget. There will be a challenge to balance the budget with the new \$2050 Fire Co. bill.

Stewardship: Randy Stolt reviewed the Stewardship campaign “Setting Sail with God”. The committee is developing a working strategy to energize the parish. Kick off was 10/16 though pledge cards were mailed earlier. Stewardship breakfast was well done. 25 percent of pledges have been received. Financial goals of \$990k; \$180k more than the 2022 budget. Hopefully it will come to fruition. We need parishioners to bring a friend to church! Campaign ends 11/13 with the cookout. Sally recommends we bless the pledges at the end of December as well as 11/13 to acknowledge additional pledges. Doug feels the pledges are a little disappointing. Need to change the wording from 1x gift to Special Gift. We may need to go back and ask for pledges or ask to increase pledges. The church is energized. Next steps – add a visual thermometer in the parish hall. May need end of year campaign of phone calls. Think about where the budget could be cut of there is a shortage.

Endowment Board: There will be a distribution of \$26,968 from the endowment board for new ministries and outreach activities. This cannot be used for operating expenses (ie: Salaries). Pete and Doug will review money distribution.

Diocesan Convention: The Diocesan convention will be November 10 – 12 at the Georgia Southern University Armstrong Center. Kathryn, Dave and Sally will be St. Peter’s delegates. After the event Eucharist will be celebrated at St. Peter’s with a dinner to follow. One must register online to attend the dinner.

State of the Church Committee: Kelly has been selected to serve on the State of the Church Committee which will be meeting in Baltimore, MD November 13 – 17. It is a great honor to be asked to serve and it is a two-year commitment.

Vacation: Kelly will be departing for vacation immediately after the State of the Church Committee meeting. Rev. David Wantland will be here to oversee the parish.

Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee met and hopes to have four members at the end of the month. They are going through the vetting / application process now.

HVAC – Pete Kastner will be meeting with the contractor November 2nd at St. Peter's. The contractor will be here to assess the vents and ducts under the parish floor and determine the plan for spraying the material to seal them.

VIRTUAL MOTIONS:

1. New Vestry Member: Upon the sudden resignation of Trevor Walker, Kathy Field nominated Babs Lutton to replace him on the Vestry. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Electrical System Update & Emergency Vestry Vote: Electrical / Grounding problems: following the investigation conducted Thursday Oct 6, 2022, Chris Goode & Phil Snyder are approved to use up to an additional \$4000 funds from the Maintenance Reserve Fund to complete the identified improvements. Kathryn seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. HVAC: Motion
 1. The Vestry authorizes \$290,000 including contingencies to Advantage Reline Inc of Moorpark, CA for inspection, cleaning, and SIPP relining of the church underground ducts.
 2. The Senior Warden and Rector are authorized to engage a project manager to oversee St Peter's church interest through the HVAC project with funding from the above \$290,000 authorization.
 3. The source of funds in 2022 is the Maintenance Reserve Fund. The source of funds in 2023 requires a proposal to the Vestry from Finance for debt funding, and Finance Committee is asked to present such proposal by the December 2022 Vestry meeting.

HVAC Project Update Regarding This Motion

1. A contract with Advantage Reline has been reviewed by two sets of lawyers.
2. The scope has not changed: inspect ducts in November/December 2022; clean and reline in March 2023 in coordination with new HVAC unit installation.
3. The total HVAC project authorization increases to \$400,000 including HVAC unit, relining, and ancillary costs.
4. My best guess is 2023 borrowing for HVAC Project is \$250,000, leaving a \$70,000 maintenance reserve. Cash costs in 2022 are \$140,000.
5. We have a qualified project manager in mind who has contractor, project management, and pipe relining experience, and will be interviewing him soon.

Motion seconded by Dave Neises. Approved by Pete Kastner, Doug Eberle, Phil Snyder, Aubrey Browner, Babs Lutton, Dave Neises, Kathryn McLearn, Sally Robinson, Suzanne Thomas, Susan Homar

Prayer for St. Peter's: Pete led the closing prayer for St. Peter's.

Next Vestry Meeting: NOVEMBER 17th – 4:30 p.m.