

Vestry Meeting Minutes: June 22, 2023

Attendance: Pete Kastner, Phil Snyder, Sally Robinson, Regina Holderness, Doug Eberle, Aubrey Brawner, Mary Lee Beach, Ken Cote, Dan Malachuk. Absent: Rev. Kelly Steele, Rev. David Wantland, Susan Homar, Beth McDonald.

Vestry Covenant & Prayer led by Phil Snyder.

Mission & Vision: 45-minute exercise to explore three areas: What is needed to get St. Peter's to grow faster? What major pillars are needed for the strategic plan? What should the Vestry do to close out the current strategic plan?

Unexplored Growth: Job fair (ministry), Integrate new comers, Highlight a group each week (Currents?) "St. Peter's stands for "you join so help row the boat", Connect ministry fair with cook-out, Pay-attention to those here, Community awareness, Variety of services like Jazz service or Gospel service, Promote Campus as Venue, Forums on Wednesday, Evangelism as a specific program, Reach out to new Korean families.

Pillars for next plan: Keep Eldercare as a pillar, Is Choir school a pillar? Keep Governance Pillar, Keep old plan on course, Create Planned Giving pillar? Stephen's Ministry for Eldercare? Keep dinners, forums. Expand use of venue. Children? Outreach?

Close out Plan: space planning

Consent Agenda: VPOC's: June acceptance. Next VPOC's due August 11th. Please write a one-page summary on what's happened during Kelly's sabbatical. Include a paragraph on any action/decision Kelly needs to make.

MOTION: Pete made the motion to appoint Sally Robinson as the VPOC for the Vestry Nominating Committee. Doug seconded. All approved.

New Business:

Finance: May was a very disappointing month. Pledges are 36% under budget and under budget YTD for the first time this year. YTD Expenses are under budget. MRF is in good shape. Doug will be reviewing the last few years pledge income and conduct a mid-year budget review. There will be a reminder for pledge payments in Currents. Financials are in the office for review.

MOTION:

Business Credit Card for new Parish Administrator

Judy Naylor-Johnson will start as St. Peter's new Parish Administrator effective July 1, 2023 and needs a credit card to facilitate purchases for St. Peter's.

Motion: The Finance Committee recommends Vestry approval for issuing a St. Peter's business credit card to Judy Naylor-Johnson for use in purchasing materials for St. Peter's programs and operations. Moved by Doug. Seconded by Mary Lee Beach. All approved.

Doug Eberle will be resigning from the Finance Committee and stepping back from various committees. The church will be looking to refigure the finance committee. Debbie Giordan will be stepping back from many responsibilities – ie: Hospitality, Community Garden, Finance. We will need new comers to help fill in these responsibilities.

MOTION: Pete made the motion that the vestry approve the installation of a talk tube and subsequent mulching for Anneka Neukomm's Eagle Scout project. Furthermore, the Building & Grounds committee work with Anneka through Rev. David Wantland to sort out how to best achieve her project. Aubrey seconded. All approved.

MOTION: The Market committee has voted for two charities to be the recipients for the 2024 Market at 3 West Ridge. They are: Brightside Child and Family Advocacy and Coastal Children's Advocacy Center (CCAC). Pete moved to approve the selection. Sally seconded. All approved.

Mid-Week Meals update. Kasey's Grill has provided a meal plan for \$14 per person to Kathy Field. Suzanne Thomas will meet with the owner/chef to discuss the operation. Hope to set up a sample dinner either mid-July or mid-August. Need to find volunteers each week to assist with set-up and clean-up. Need to determine if Pete & Randy want to continue with the Holy Happy Hour.

Parish Directory: Sally requested the parish offer an updated directory to parishioners again. This could be a task for the new parish administrator. Need to determine a charge for the directory.

OLD BUSINESS:

HVAC: The HVAC system ordered should be here by the end of the month. Hopefully.

SAFE CHURCH: The Safe Church program has been moving forward. The Vestry will need to approve new policies and procedures and put them into place. At the July meeting we will need a discussion and form an Ad Hoc committee to create and review the policies to be implemented by November 1st.

CHURCH SIDE GARDEN: After much consideration, it has been recommended by the Space Planning committee there be no "Memorial Tree Planting" on the side of the church. Debbie Giordan has a plan from John Glenn Landscaping to plant Dwarf Yaupon Holly Bushes and other perennials. Regina Holderness said Flower Guild will submit a list of perennials for cuttings. The cost is estimated by Pete at less than \$10,000. We should ask for gift and contributions for this project. B&G to manage the bidding and installation. The Flower Guild will submit a list of shrubs and perennials that are deer resistant for approval. Source of Funds: MRF. Pete moved to accept the proposal as discussed. Doug seconded. All approved.

The meeting closed at 6:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: July 27th 4:30 p.m.