

Vestry Meeting Minutes: December 15, 2022

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

Coventant: led by Kathy Field

Consent Agenda: VPOC Reports, Reminder to send ministry annual reports to Susanne. Review housing resolutions for David & Kelly. Planned Giving Plaque Resolution: Plaque placement to be send to the Vestry for approval at a later date. Pete motioned. Kathy seconded. All approved.

Mission & Vision discussion: Looking at 2022 what are you grateful for? Looking at 2023 what do you feel needs attention? Discussion by invitation - 15 minutes.

Vestry Nominating Committee: The following parishioners have been identified as persons of interest for the upcoming Vestry. Kathy Motion – Babs seconded a favorable amendment to send this group to the annual meeting for a parish vote. Members are: Beth McDonald, Regina Holderness, Mary Lee Beach and Ken Cote.

HVAC: Pete is waiting for the revised numbers for relining the air ducts under the floors. The floor will need to be excavated in the front of the church and retiled. Pete will oversee the project. There is a \$200K loan closing with South State Bank for the project. Kathy will continue to work with Pete and Phil on this project.

FINANCE: Doug reviewed the financial reports. Overall pledge income is below budget. November income was down 10% but expenses were down 10.5%. YTD Non pledge income is down 24%. We need to break out the loose plate income. Overall expenses are under budget. Midweek Meals have generated a surplus. Pete and Randy graciously bought the wine.

Kathryn moved to accept all financial reports. Pete seconded. All approved.

Motion: The Finance Committee recommends that the Vestry approve the 2023 “base” detail income and expense budget presented by the Finance Committee as is and conditionally approve the 2023 “aspirational” detail budget provided that total pledges and special one-time gifts received is equal to or exceeded \$825,000 by January 19, 2023, the date of the next Vestry meeting. The Vestry will prioritize the “aspirational” request expenditures and adopt an adjusted 2022 budget if the “aspirational” current year pledge amount is not achieved.

Chris moved the motion. Babs seconded. All approved.

Motion: The Finance Committee recommends that the Vestry approve the transfer of the \$1,591.13 balance in the inactive ECW Fund Temporary Restricted Account (TRA) [011-8011-0000] to the Children & Youth Ministry Fund TRA [041-8041-0000] and to change the status of the ECW Fund TRA to ‘inactive’.

Pete moved the motion. Chris seconded. All approved.

Endowment request for JOLLY DOLLY: Nate and Kathleen are requesting the purchase of a JOLLY DOLLY. This equipment will store and move the bouncy house which is used a great deal. In the Children's Ministry. Pete motioned: Vestry approve that the VPOC for Endowment approach the Endowment committee for money to be used to buy a Jolly Dolly rolling machine. Phil seconded. All approved. The Jolly Dolly is \$4600 and a one-time project.

Stewardship: Randy Stolt reviewed the stewardship campaign. As of 12/15 the campaign is at 86% of aspirational goal and 90% of the base budget. 129 homes have pledged vs. 115 last year. There are 14 new pledges. 28 families have not pledged yet. Randy expects to be at \$796K after all pledges have been received.

Motion: Gift Acceptance – 1. The Vestry acknowledges the recommendation of the Gift & Finance Committee and accepts the Ned Smith bequest in the amount of \$130,000, with great thanks for Ned's foresight and generosity. 2. On recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Vestry authorizes the Stewardship Committee to use \$35,000 of the bequest temporarily in a 2023 Stewardship pledge-match ending in January 2023. 3. The question of allocating the permanent uses of the bequest and setting the final 2023 budget will be decided at the January 2023 meeting of the Vestry. Pete motioned to accept. Chris seconded. All approved.

Rector's Report:

Diocesan Convention – Many thanks to those who made this happen!

HOD State of the Church Committee: Studies and amends parochial and diocesan reports. It is currently made up of young very diverse "political outsiders" in the church. It meets quarterly and the next meeting is March 22- 25 in Cleveland.

Sabbatical plans for Kelly – May 21st – August 6, 2023. Supply priests needed to fill in

CALENDAR OF VESTRY MEETINGS:

Fourth or Third Thursdays at 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., in person and Zoom by request.

January 19, 2023, February 23, 2023, March 23, 2023, April 27, 2023, May 25, 2023

June 22, 2023, July 27, 2023, August 24, 2023, September 28, 2023, October 26, 2023

November 16, 2023, December 21, 2023

ANNUAL MEETING – JANUARY 29th @ 9 a.m.

Vestry Retreat – February 17th @ 4:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Next meeting: January 19, 2023 4:30 p.m. – finalize budget and stewardship.

