

# Vestry Meeting Minutes

May 15<sup>th</sup> 2023

6:00 P.M.

## 1. Establish attendance and quorum

**Member present were:** Father David, Matt Smith, Steve Brown, Elizabeth Hogenkamp, Carla Hunt, Moe Byrd, Bob Blake, Trace Mills, Fred Happel, and Liz LaFollette. Kristin S. was not present.

**Father David opened the meeting at 6:05 P.M.**

**Opening prayer by Bob B.**

## 2. **Spirit work**-Chapter 3 of Celebration of Discipline (The Discipline of Prayer)

Father David discussed aspects of the chapter, including the power of prayer. Elizabeth, Fred, Trace and myself gave examples of how prayer has been an important aspect in their lives. Father David emphasized that there is no right or wrong way to pray...just pray! He suggested reading “Breath Prayer” by Ron DelBene.

## 3. **Consent of Agenda**

Liz moved we approve the minutes from the previous meeting, Trace seconded it.

Steve gave the financial report.

Steve is worried about our finances. He says pledges are down and people aren't giving in the plate like they used to. Many churches are experiencing the same trend.

Trace moved to approve the financials. Matt seconded it.

4. **Task Force updates.** Matt reported Stewardship Realty (SR) walk thru was positive. They gave several options and recommendations. Matt was very encouraged with them! Their analysis shouldn't take long, maybe a month or so. SR is biased to staying...The Episcopal Building Fund is also in the picture. Solar power is an option being discussed.
5. Matt says it would cost around 5K to move the pavers from the Cobb chapel to a new location. He also is checking into hiring a company to fix the parking lot.

## **5. Committee reports:**

Liz reported on admin: No report.

Matt included the property report in his task force update report.

Carla gave the ministries report.

Lots of things happening: Easter Sunday/Egg hunt, Community Spring dinner, Brown bags for Sharing and Caring, Catherine's Creation Care event, Bishop Young's visit and reception, Amy Dale from the OCSD's visit, luncheon at Elliott Point Elem., for teacher appreciation week, Youth Sunday.

Another Blessing Bag assembly is in May, and Pentecost Sunday event, Journey to Jerusalem-One Bite at a Time, is May 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **6. Old Business**

7. Father David briefed us on the Christian Ed and Youth position.

JoAnne Connell met with Catherine to see what state we are in as far as Christian Ed. Goes. Father David says in the near future, Christian Ed will be a volunteer run program. Father David hopes to form a group to set up a rotation for Children's Church and possible Sunday School. We have curriculum to use. 19

children have left since Covid. We generally only have around 4-6 kids at a time each week.

We will not have VBS this year.

## **8. New Business**

Father David briefed us on Deacon Clelia's upcoming sabbatical. She needs a break and will take the whole month of August off. Father David wants to give her \$2K for her to use while away. Father David is going to send a letter to the parish asking for donations for this cause.

Trace moved to give Clelia the \$2,000, Liz seconded.

## **9. Rector comments:**

Father David is still having health issues but is improving with time. At this time, Cyndi in the office is out, along with Clelia. Ascension Day is this Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at noon.

New for the summer: Only 1 service time: 9:30 A.M.

## **10. Vestry Comments: None**

**Closing prayer was given by Matt.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.**

*Submitted by Carla 6/12/23*