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St. Simon's Vestry Meeting Minutes

June 19th, 2023

1. **Establish attendance and quorum:** Matt, Steve, Liz, Fred, Bob, Moe, Kristin, and myself were present. Trace was absent.

2. Father David opened the meeting at 6:02 P.M.

Opening prayer by Carla

3. **Spirit work:** Chapter 4 of Celebration of Discipline (The Discipline of Fasting)

Discussion: Fasting is a lost Christian discipline. What do you do instead of eating? Self denying? How does food control your life? Something to think about. Are you fasting from Media? Chapter 5 is next.

1. Consent Agenda-minutes and financials

2. Steve briefed us on the June financials. Pledges are down, just like 2 years ago. We never know how much will be in the plate and people just aren't pledging like they used to. Steve says June and July are usually slow months as far as money coming in goes.

Liz motioned to approve the financial report, I seconded.

4. Scouts

Paul Wheelless briefed us about Pack 527. We are chartering/sponsoring them. Paul explained the details involving sponsoring them. Discussion. Liz asked why we are involved since Carter Caywood asked if the troop could meet here and we agreed, however, now he is gone. Many had no idea what the details were when we were asked to charter/sponsor the troop. We were just asked if they could meet here at the church and store the trailer here. The troop meets here 2 times a month. Some of the important items that we learned were: 1. We "own" the Pack, including all troop equipment. 2. Pack Trailer-Registration transfer, we are investigating insurance. 3. What are our Legal and Financial liabilities? 4. Chancellor review 5. The annual

recharter expires on September 30, 2023. Father David says that Bishop Kendrick is in favor of our church being involved.

5. **Task Force updates:** (Matt)

Our Google meeting with Stewardship Realty is June 28th. Their final report is coming soon, hopefully by the end of July.

6. **Committee reports:**

Admin: Liz had no report.

Property: Matt

Phone and camera systems...Father David reports that the phone system is 12 years old, in bad shape. Our vendor suggested an upgrade which will cost \$2200.00. The same vendor says they can fix our camera system also. That will take place this summer. The counseling center is stepping up to pay for these upgrades.

Clelia voiced concern about the geese staining the bricks around the cross out back.
Discussion.

Kristin asked about the upstairs showers and if they could they be fixed by the beginning of September, when we are supposed to host “Happening”.

Ministries: Carla

Carla reported about a few things that have been going on. 1. The Blessing Bag assembly on May 25th, 2. The “Journey to Jerusalem-One bite at a Time” event that was held on Pentecost Sunday—huge success, 3. Beginning June 4th, we will have only 1 service @ 9:30, 4. On June 11th, after the service, Clelia is having a meeting to discuss an upcoming fundraiser we are planning to raise funds for supplies for the Blessing Bags. All are welcome to attend, 5. On July 9th, Brown Bags will be distributed to the parish to collect needed items for Sharing and Caring. Bags will be collected on the 16th

7. **Old Business:**

- a. Christian Ed and Youth Position—next steps? A group of volunteers met on June 18th. There is an immediate need for people to help Pat in the nursery. Many came forward and said they could help. August 13th is when Children’s church will start back up. JoAnne Connell is forming a group of volunteers who will take turns teaching each week.

A schedule is coming soon. We will not have formal Sunday school for kids until more kids start attending.

8. New Business

a. Pew Memorials (Bob) Bob mentioned that a few people had approached him about having memorial plates made, in memory of a loved one, and attached to the end of a particular pew. He thought it might be a nice fundraiser. After a discussion, we decided to wait on the idea for a bit.

b. Contribution to Rector's discretionary account

Father David reported that his discretionary account balance is under \$1400.00. He is considering moving our financials to a different bank. The bank we currently use, Servis1st, charges a \$20 fee if the balance goes below \$1400. There have been few contributions to his discretionary account in the last couple of years. The counseling center wants to contribute to bringing the balance up.

Carla motioned to approve; Kristin seconded.

c. Rector's sabbatical

Father David discussed the possibility of taking a sabbatical in 2024 and asked for Vestry support. Discussion.

9. Rector's comments: July 9th will be a special Sunday with our own Ansley Walker preaching that day. After the service, there will be a cake in her honor and to wish her luck in her upcoming move to Connecticut.

There will be NO Vestry meeting in July.

10. Vestry comments: None

11. Closing Prayer by: Kristin

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

Submitted by Carla on July 26th, 2023