

Vestry minutes from the August 21st meeting

1. Establish attendance and quorum:

In attendance were: Bob, Matt, Carla, Moe, Kristin, Steve, Trace, Liz, Father David and Paul Wheelless (representing Boy Scouts), and Ellen Sheppard, representing the Task Force. Elizabeth Hogenkamp was absent.

Father David opened the meeting at 6:01 P.M.

Opening Prayer by Bob

2. Consent Agenda: Minutes and Financials

Father David briefed us on the June minutes. Trace moved to approve the minutes and Bob seconded. Passed.

Steve gave a summary of the financials. He says we are behind on the plate contributions. Expenses are down, thankfully. As of now, pledges are good.

Father David requested approval to increase our Sexton's son, John's salary. Trace motioned to approve; Moe seconded. Passed.

Father David also requested approval to increase our nursery worker, Pat Fullen's salary. Carla motioned to approve; Liz seconded. Passed.

3. Cub Scouts—Paul Wheelless passed out a Charter Agreement the Scouts have with the church and explained how it pertained to SSoS. The scouts only need to use our facilities for their meetings and will not seek financial help from us.

4. Committee Reports

Admin: Liz did not have a report

Property and Task Force:

Matt reported that Bishop Russell has the first report from Stewardship Realty (SR) and is reviewing it. SR is to brief the Task Force and Vestry on the whole report in September. Matt recommends that we do not do an appraisal yet until we find out what is in the SR report. He doesn't know how it will be funded. Once we see what the report contains, we will decide our next move.

On August 20th, surveys were passed out to the congregation by the Task Force. Over 70 have been collected so far with more coming in. The survey will go online on August 22nd, making it available to turn in electronically.

Ministries

1. The Blessing Bag assembly was held on July 27th from 10-12, in the Parish Hall. The Bags were brought to the school district office that same day and were distributed to students heading back to school soon.
2. July 9th, Brown bags were distributed to the parish, with collection of the filled brown bags on July 16th. We collected 68 bags!
3. August 9th, we provided breakfast, Grab and Go style, to the faculty and staff of Elliott Point Elementary. We also blessed the teachers and campus that afternoon with holy water. Thank you, Father David and other SS volunteers. 🙏
4. August 13th was Blessing of the backpacks! It was also the first day of Children's Church!

5. August 14th, school supplies that had been donated for the students at Elliott Point were delivered!
6. **Happening**, a Youth Weekend Retreat that we are hosting, is coming up September 8-10. Many people have signed up to help. Kristin is the lead.

5. Old Business:

Deacon Clelia's sabbatical. Clelia has decided to postpone her upcoming sabbatical. She hopes to go to Italy next May.

6. New Business:

- a. Do we want to replace the vacant spot that was held by Fred Happell, who resigned? Yes, the Vestry voted Steve Brown to fulfill the remainder of this year of Fred's term.
- b. **Sew Love**, a local sewing group who makes clothes for Third world countries with children in need, is seeking a new home. They found one here at SSoS! They will be moving in upstairs in the first 2 rooms to the left of the elevator. We are very excited to host this wonderful ministry.

Update on Rector's sabbatical plan:

Father David is still pondering his plan for a sabbatical. He will let us know soon what he decides.

7. **Rector's comments:** Father David is thinking about changing the date for the annual meeting. That was tabled for now.

Beginning 9/17, service times will be 9:30 in the Nave and 11:30 outside, weather permitting, with adult Christian Education at 10:40.

8. **Vestry comments:** None

9. **Closing prayer** by Father David

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Carla