

Vestry Meeting

April 25, 2017

Attending: Mark McDonald, Cheryl Josephson, Kenny Lomers, Kathy Cunningham, Gloria Sims, Don Lewis, Sandy Dorsett.

Absent: Jean Ray

Meeting was opened with prayer and reflection by Mark McDonald. Members of Vestry read from the Book of Common Prayer, morning prayer and Lord's Prayer.

Approval of Minutes. Minutes were approved with two corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Cheryl reported we should be getting the \$100,000 loan from the Diocese soon. Sandy asked for clarification about the Thrift Shop transfer. It is done monthly on the closest day after the end of a month. Balance will show \$10,000 in the fund, less the amount of the sales tax liability and the \$150 petty cash. Cheryl reported funds from Special Events in the amount of approximately \$7,000 has been moved to the Operating Fund, which will show on next month's report.

Other group and committee reports:

Sharing Faith Dinner, June 1. Discussion followed about splitting couples. Mark said the bottom line is if you want to be separated you can, if not you don't have to be. Priscilla Condon is the leader this year.

Thrift Shop Report. Recent meeting was held to update everyone on things that are going on. Shop had some flooding and some electrical problems which have been fixed. Jana & Hank Graves will be leaving the first of May, until October. Mark asked about installing a "ring" security system, cost at \$299. Purpose would be to monitor people dropping off donations that we cannot use, or trying to deter people from riffling through donations during off hours. Kenny made the motion to approve Mark ordering the Ring system. Motion passed.

Sr. Warden Report – No report

Jr. Warden report: Now that we have confirmation of Diocesan loan, Kenny will begin getting bids on some concrete work to expand the handicapped area, put down new gravel in parking area, and make some repairs to the Thrift Shop parking lot. Kenny has contacted Gene Fell about the work. Paint has been purchased for Hovde Hall. Engineers from Perdido Heating and Air have been contracted to move two air conditioner units. The Thrift Shop wish list has been cut significantly. All have agreed that central heat and air is not necessary and they will keep using existing window units. There are no imminent electrical problems. Re-wiring would be staggering. There will be no large addition, rather a smaller one. Some interior work will be done to improve the flow from the donation area to the sorting room. Roof repair will not be a metal one, rather will go with 25 yr. shingles. Kenny will have hard bids on all work by the next Vestry meeting.

Vicar's Report

Mark distributed a list of Ministry Volunteers that he asked Vestry to look over and bring back with any changes/additions. He also distributed a print out of a proposed mail out on the 2017 Pray-Worship-Serve Challenge as well as printed information on Ten Ways to Pray and Invite-Welcome-Connect., and a proposed plan for stewardship champagne timeline. (No stewardship chair has been named) Each print out was discussed ,

An idea called "Feed My Sheep" was presented. We would distribute paper bags with a sticker asking for food for the needy, which would not only serve to help needy but also allow us to meet people in the neighborhood. Idea is to take the bags around, introduce the church, and get donations placed in the bags for pick up at a specified time.

This past month Mark had Holy Week services, Clergy Conference, and Standing Committee meeting. He also visited Charlotte Befay, Jeanne Keenan, and the Wallers and reported they are all doing well.

Mark has done extensive work on our website. Kenny mentioned he would like to see the server schedule for the week included on the website.

Discussion:

Choir Director Review. Don reported Dan is working out really well. His only comment was that Dan is not willing or able to rehearse the choir. It was noted that Dan is not under a contract. He serves on a weekly basis.

BBQ & Blues: Date was set for October 21. Joe Dorsett will be this year's chairman. There was no other discussion.

BBQ trailer. Most men Kenny talked with have said they would participate. We need to set up some type of donation system for funding \$2,700 purchase price.

Church Directory. Gloria Sims has been asked to be the lay leader for this project. Mark will get with her to move it forward. Kathy brought up an action item remaining from last month under the Memorial Garden. Mark said there was no new information from the Memorial Committee. She also brought up about the need for a Welcoming Committee.

Meeting was adjourned with a blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Cunningham, Vestry clerk

Rachael Johnston, Parish Administrator