

St. John's Episcopal Church Vestry October 27, 2021

Present: Tom Brzeczek, Bill Cheney, Ray Contreras, David Dennehy, Jane Ferguson, Alex Valdez-Beer, Terry Farrelly, Lynn Young and Rev. Roger Haenke

Absent: Pamela Brittain, Diane Gustafson

Rev. Roger Haenke called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. He offered the opening prayer and gave the scripture reflection and led the discussion on Mark 12:28-34.

David Dennehy moved and Ray Contreras seconded approval of the Consent Agenda - Vestry minutes for August (no Vestry meeting in September), Priest's monthly operational reports for August and September, and the Warden's report for September. The motion passed.

Bill Cheney reviewed the Treasurer's report and the recent Finance committee meeting. He indicated that preliminary budget planning begins in November at the Finance Committee's November 18 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

2022 Centennial Year – celebration on Sunday, September 18, 2022
There's nothing new to report today.

SE Property Title Report – in process

Fonti Property Easement – Ray reported the surveyor discovered the city of Chula Vista purchased the easement from Mrs. Fonti in 2005, for a purchase price of \$22,000 for the entire easement. The city may have failed to register the purchase with the County. Ray recommends the church file a request with the city of Chula Vista for an encroachment permit with limited use hours. Ray will pursue this on the church's behalf.

The Solar Project is on hold at this time.

La Misa in English Project is in the Diocesan office -they will be doing a study of the demographics in Chula Vista and will update when that is complete.

COVID evaluation – we have been closely following guidelines from the Bishop who receives input and recommendations from the Diocesan health screening task force whose members are four physicians, two nurses and several clergy. While the 14 day rolling average is within the green range, any increase could result in some restrictions being necessary again. We discussed reinstating two services, as some have requested versus staying with a single service. The consensus was that we should wait until January of 2022 at the soonest, start fresh with a new year. In the meantime, it was recommended that we survey parishioners:

Who would prefer two services:

Which would you attend 8 a.m.,
10 a.m.

Would you prefer a single service? 9 a.m.
10 a.m.

Would you prefer to watch services on livestream rather than attending in person.

In order to have two services, we would need to have people to usher, acolyte, do the readings and prayers of the people, and serve as alter guild and set up for the service – twice the volunteers we have now.

Are you willing to usher, acolyte, serve on altar guild and set up for one of the services, serve as a reader and at which service time would you offer to serve.

Stewardship update – 16 pledges have been received for a total of \$47,380.

New Business

Diocesan convention, Friday/Saturday, November 5 and 6. David Dennehy and Bob Dunn are delegates. Reverend Roger will also attend the convention which is being held virtually.

Common Life Share Pledge – this is the financial contribution that parishes contribute to the Diocese – minimum is 10.5% of the Operating Budget. The leadership team recommends a commitment of 10.5% with the caveat that if finances improve and we are able, we will consider an additional amount in the future.

The leadership team offered a motion to adopt the following resolution, and the motion was seconded by Alejandra Valdez-Beer, and unanimously approved:

Resolution 2021-1027-01

Resolved that St. John's will pay the minimum pledge for our diocesan Common Life Share which is 10.5% of our Operating Income of \$296,627 for a pledge amount of \$31,145.84.

Jeff Bates was recommended for the Servant Ministry Award at Convention, particularly for his leadership and contributions to the Outreach Committee.

St. John's Christmas Party will be held on December 18 in Nale Hall. Men of St. John's will coordinate and set up sign ups for food, etc.

Vestry membership: three members will complete their terms in January 2022 – Ray Contreras, Pamela Brittain and Diane Gustafson. All would be eligible to run again if they choose to do so.

The Columbarium suffered some damage in the recent rainstorm. The company that provided some repairs in the past will be contacted because their repairs failed.

Upcoming Special Events:

Thanksgiving Eve Liturgy: Wednesday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m.

60th Birthday Brunch: Sunday, December 5 after church

Greening of the church: Sunday, December 19 after church

Christmas Eve service: Friday, December 24, time to be determined

Christmas Day: Saturday, December 25 at 9:00 a.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. (date change due to Thanksgiving Eve Liturgy on Wednesday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m.)

Sr. Warden David Dennehy offered a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Recorded by:

Lynn Young
Jr. Warden