

***Approved by email vote 11/23/2020***

**St. John's Episcopal Church Episcopal Vestry 18 November 2020**

Present: Tom Brzeczek, Pamela Brittain, Ray Contreras, David Dennehy, Terry Farrelly, Diane Gustafson, Rev. Roger Haenke, Muriel Kulikowski, Judy McKay, Jim McDevitt, Lynn Young

Guest: Bill Cheney

Following opening prayer, Rev. Roger Haenke called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. New Vestry member Tom Brzeczek was welcomed, as was Bill Cheney, who will become Treasurer following the Annual Meeting in January.

The following were acknowledged with appreciation: Tom Brzeczek for recording the service last Sunday, David Dennehy for his work as Warden, and Sally Elliott, who has worked above and beyond her job especially regarding the PPP loan and the alarm system.

David Dennehy moved, Diane Gustafson seconded approval of the Consent Agenda (minutes of the October meeting, the Monthly Operational Report, and the Warden's Report). The motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Terry Farrelly reported that fulfillment of pledges for 2020 are on budget, plate is somewhat lower, donations (especially memorials) are up, fundraising is down, expenses are down. In general, the Church is doing well.

Information on payroll is being gathered for Bank of America for forgiveness of the PPP loan.

The document to start the financial review of 2019 has been sent to the auditors.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Ray Contreras continues to work on the title search for the ravine on the SE corner of the Church property. The County cannot find the initial transfer deed. This item will remain on Vestry agendas until resolved.

The Fonti property easement remains on the agenda. The Vestry must prioritize capital projects.

Pam Brittain moved to resolve that the corporate name be changed from *Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. John's Parish in Chula Vista, California* to *Rector, Wardens, and Vestry of St. John's Parish in Chula Vista, California*. David Dennehy seconded, and the motion passed with one abstention. The resolution must now go to the Standing Committee for approval, after which a number of legal changes must be made.

CVA will install a new security alarm system. The Fire Marshal must come to inspect before we can change to CVA for the fire alarm.

The building with Classrooms 17 & 18 needs to be re-roofed for \$10,800, and St. John's is responsible for its condition for Head Start. Re-roofing the Administration building is not as urgent but would cost \$25,860. Rev. Roger Haenke will request a Diocesan property grant for the maximum \$20,000 although our return to full parish status puts St. John's behind mission parishes requesting grants.

The Stewardship campaign was extended to November 30. As of this week, 23 pledges have been made totaling \$63,230. For 2020 there were 69 pledges totaling \$141,000. Rev. Roger Haenke will send a letter on behalf of the Vestry with a scanned pledge card for those who cannot find the one sent to them. Several Vestry members offered to pick up pledges from parishioners who cannot bring them to church. The letter will point out that pledges would not be binding if an individual's financial circumstances were to change. Magnets with the theme "Time, Talent, Treasure" will be mailed to parishioners.

San Diego County is in the purple (worst) tier, and winter is coming. St. John's will continue to live-stream services with no in-person worship for the time being, probably until there is a vaccine.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Diane Gustafson moved to approve the Mutual Ministry Agreement (see attached), Muriel Kulikowski seconded, and the motion passed.

The December Outreach project is traditionally Toys for Tots, and that organization has recommended our giving cash instead of toys this year.

The Diocese has partnered with the national Episcopal Church Building Fund (this was approved at the recent Diocesan Convention) to encourage all parishes to look at energy usage and the potential for solar to lower utility costs. We are all called to be stewards of the earth. The Diocese has requested all parishes to do an energy audit so that Fellowship Energy Finances can look at the potential for solar; they would install it at no cost to the parish. A small group of Pam Brittain, Ray Contreras, Tom Brzeczek, and Rev. Roger Haenke was formed to ask questions about this offer; they will report back to Vestry at a future meeting.

Prior to this year tree trimming was divided into three phases. Phase 1 was completed in 2019 and Phase 2 just recently. Phase 3 concerns a Chinese elm tree in the courtyard of the school which is a potential hazard for falling onto the building and for causing accidents from the buckled concrete. Alex has given bids of \$3265 to remove the tree and \$1840 to lace the tree, remove dead wood, and balance it. Also part of Phase 3 is a Cedar located on the south side of the corner building. Alex's bid to lace, balance, trim back away from the building as well as

remove all dead wood and debris is \$885. The proximity of the cedar to the building provided the rats access for the recent infestation. Tom Brzeczek moved, Muriel Kulikowski seconded to remove the Chinese elm at a cost of \$3265. The motion passed. Muriel Kulikowski moved, Tom Brzeczek seconded to do the work covered in Alex's bid of \$885. This work will be done before Head Start occupancy begins.

CVA made a proposal to add cameras all around the campus in six locations for \$4365. Our current security system installed by Gary Clapp consists of four cameras that had been in storage. After discussion, the Vestry tabled this item because the current security system with cameras, motion detector lights (John Farle recently installed two additional lights at no cost to the parish), and signage is adequate for now.

One part of Bishop Susan Brown Snook's Strategic Plan is outreach to military, and St. John's will consider becoming a Veteran/Military Friendly Congregation. During the next month we will look at the Time and Talent volunteers to identify one or more parishioners whose spiritual gifts would fit this ministry. It would be a great opportunity for the parish.

The next meeting of the Vestry will be Wednesday, December 16, at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

Following closing prayer by David Dennehy, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Diane Gustafson, Clerk of Vestry