Christ Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting

August 18, 2020, 5:30 pm

Zoom Meeting

Attendees:

Kerry Hancock

Georgie McAteer

Patty Benoit

Flo Curry

Dan Custer

Robyn Dadig

Henry Garza

Jeni Lorenz

Jim Richardson

Clare Stratmann

Gregg Strasburger

Linu Samuel- Absent

Janice Krause-Interim Rector

Becky Sparks-Deacon

Gloria Hooper-Vestry Clerk

Vestry Focus for 2020:

“Building loving relationships and congregational involvement,

as well as fostering spiritual growth.”

5:30 p.m. Opening Prayer - Kerry opened with a prayer.

Devotional - Robyn talked about Ezekiel 36.

5:45 p.m. Business Meeting

 - Declaration of Quorum

- Approval of July Minutes

Patty moved to accept the minutes. Georgie seconded. Motion passed.

- Approval of written reports (Treasurer/Finance)

Patty moved to approve the written reports. Clare seconded. Motion passed

6:00 p.m. Oral Reports

* Sr. Warden

Leigh Gardner-Kisner, Treasurer, and Kerry will send a thank you letter about the state of finances and the generosity of our congregation. Kerry thanked the Vestry members for their prompt response to the email vote to move forward with the dedicated fiber optics project; vote was unanimous. The question about nursery workers has been resolved with an agreement to continue to pay partial wages until the congregation regathers and nursery services are needed.

* Jr. Warden

Georgie was asked to look at ventilation in our building. With the assistance of Linu and Mike Baron, she prepared a report on airflow (attached) that will be provided to the congregation when we resume in person services. The bell tower doors are in need of maintenance; Georgie will try to get some bids on cost and availability of contractors.

* Interim Rector

Rev. Janice reported that the staff had been very busy with a number of initiatives. Deacon Becky and Ami prepared the video for the Youth Service. Christ Church was able to provide 112 backpacks for Backpack Buddies. Gerald Nicholas provided a meaningful sermon that is available on our YouTube channel. Coming events include a Parking Lot Party, Music to Help Others watch party, and the possibility of an outside service in September. Daughters of the King has added three new members.

 Old Business

* Parish Profile

Patty appreciates everyone’s comments and suggestions and hopes to continue to move forward. She estimates that profile is about 60% complete. Some changes were discussed re: two of the profile documents. Consensus was reached quickly. Georgie moved that the two documents be approved by vestry and presented to the Search Committee. Gregg seconded. Motion passed.

* Stewardship

Henry provided an update on the Stewardship Campaign. His viewing of The Episcopal Network Stewardship (TENS) video opened his eyes to the difficult time churches are having with limited personal contact. The video presented several novel ways to do the stewardship drive with things like blessing the offerings during the service and making sure that parishioners realize how important offerings are. Henry and Jeni will continue to work with Ami to develop communications to support Stewardship Sunday.

* Bylaws

Maybe next month Kerry will have an update.

 New Business

* Dental Insurance

Discussion followed about a former employee’s dental insurance.

 - Special Purpose Committees

Ami has asked to form a Communications Committee (informational for Vestry and not requiring action). Deacon

Becky talked about the care of the church and the leadership of Christ Church. Various reports are being prepared by Patty and Ami regarding the Communications Survey and views of our services on FaceBook and YouTube. Our numbers have remained high with no drop-off on participants.

6:43 p.m. Closing Prayer: A General Thanksgiving, *BCP 836*

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 5:30 p.m.