

Vestry Meeting Notes, Oct 19, 2020

1. OPENING PRAYER

2. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

The new bookkeeper Ashley Brown is hired and began today (October 19). Ashley is also the bookkeeper for St. Bede's Episcopal Church. Interviews started in September and included Scott Stewart, Christie Brown, Saralee, Ann, Brook Garrett, and Robin Cahill-Roberts. The vestry vote was conducted by Zoom on Sunday evening. Brook has agreed to help her get started. Charlene will overlap by a week before leaving.

Saralee is approving all checks for the church and is consulting with Scott Stewart.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

- Total income including pledge and non-pledge is about \$145K below budget.
- Expenses are roughly \$160K below trend
- Operating cash reserve is up to approx. \$554,000.

The vestry approved a stipend for Brook Garrett in gratitude for her continuing help working with the new bookkeeper.

5. VESTRY REPORTS:

The vestry will write personal notes on stewardship letters and will address envelopes. Ann outlined the campaign, including videos in and out of the recorded service.

6. CHURCH BUSINESS

Livestreaming: Taylor updated the group; the cost may be up to \$20,000 and we are seeking grant funds from the diocese to help. The remainder of the cost will come from our operating reserve. Cameras will be operated by church volunteers (to be determined) and the process will be simple to follow.

Scott Mize Stipend: The vestry approved a stipend for Scott for his volunteer work in producing our worship and stewardship videos.

Vestry Nominees: Saralee continues to solicit names.

Office: disposables are removed, working on next steps with paint. Books are staying for now, but we are finding homes for other things using storage returned to us from the school.

Transition Committee: Not many signing up for Nave Prayers; will monitor during November and may re-evaluate. Outdoor services are a success, another is scheduled November 8.

7. DEACON'S REPORT: Following Edith's departure,

- Kerry Thomas will chair the pastoral care committee
- Phil King will chair the outreach committee, including the Angel Tree
- Carolyn Elsner will coordinate Compline services

8. VESTRY BUSINESS

Website bios are still needed from three vestry members.

Rector Search:

- The vestry discussed the large amount of rector search material provided to us by the nominating committee. This includes recordings of all candidate Zoom interviews, resumes, reference checks, cover letters, and additional documents.
- The vestry was asked to read the document on consensus building provided by Rev. Buddy Crawford and prepare for meetings and interviews in late October and November.
- Rev. Crawford will guide us through the process going forward as he did with the search committee.

7. CLOSING PRAYER