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Vestry Meeting Minutes  
Monday, April 26, 2021

**Vestry Present:** Newman Aguiar, Gail Albergo, Richard Ammons, Leigh Bordley, Leigh Egeghy, Amanda Fratrick, Adam McClellan, Kelly Ryan, David Shumate, Connie Semans, Freda Tucker, Treat Harvey

**Clergy Present:** Stephen Mazingo

**Guests Present:** Ginny Bowman, Chapman Williams, John Bowman, Dan Pearson, Meg McCann, Ron Price, Cathy Halloran, Donna Rewalt, John Bowman, Carter Skinner, Dan Sears,

**Call to Order:** The regular monthly meeting of the Vestry of St. Philip's Church convened on April 26, 2021 at 6:08 pm, via Zoom, the Interim Rector being the chair and the Clerk being present. Stephen opened with a prayer.

**Devotional:** Led by Stephen.

**Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes from March 26, 2021 meeting
2. Interim Rector Report
3. Interim Associate Rector

**Motion** to approve consent agenda Richard Ammons. Second Leigh Bordley.

**Ryals Committee Proposal on Garden Close Renovation**

Overview of how the project and findings: courtyard is the most underutilized space by square footage with the most potential to be used. Courtyard is found to be very sunny, hot, hard and with not that much seating and difficult sight lines. Garden close sturdy acquired lots of feedback from at least a dozen stakeholder groups. Dan Sears and Ron Price (architect and landscape architect) then presented the renovation plan,

Committee has itself raised \$142,500 towards the implementation and would like to raise another \$50k from families who are interred in the columbarium which would leave a more reasonable gap for the church to fund.

Project is hard to phase because the pieces are so integrated and it wouldn't be very cost effective. The first phase would involve the bulk of the project because it would have to accommodate the entirety of the infrastructure which needs to happen all at once. First phase would run about \$200,000. Courtyard would not be usable at that time.

Vestry will explore and consider project further during the May 8th building grounds retreat. Would like to understand the project within the scope of other infrastructure and renovation projects. Of immediate concern is the impact to worship in the interim as that outdoor space is critical to worship with COVID protocols. Obvious questions are timing, expense and financing will also have to be answered.

### **Collaboration resolution with Durham County**

The county has approached St Philips as a downtown stakeholder. Campus study committee would like the parish to be a collaborator and further explore how we might be engaged with the many changes happening around us. Resolution to engage with the county comes with no commitments it just gives St Philips a seat at the table.

**Motion** to approve collaboration resolution by Richard Ammons. Second by Kelly Ryan. Motion passed.

### **Senior Warden Report**

Review of Senior Warden report (added to packet late at no fault of Senior Warden). We will hold a working retreat on the morning of May 8th to review technology upgrades, campus study, garden close renovation proposal and Sanctuary repairs & renovations. Vestry needs to be prepared for special meetings related to the Rector search in June and July. Cindy Shumate has agreed to lead the technology committee. We need to assemble a new rector welcome/integration committee.

**Motion** to approve Senior Warden report by Kelly Ryan. Second by Leigh Bordley. Motion passed.

### **Junior Warden Report**

Review of Junior Warden report (added to packet late at no fault of Junior Warden). If there are any other items or areas of concern beyond those listed by the Senior Warden that we should address please let Adam know.

**Motion** to approve Junior Warden report by Richard Ammons. Second by Leigh Bordley. Motion passed.

## **Treasurer's Report**

General concern about taking on big projects in this time where attendance is low, pledges are low and no one is clear what the future looks like (pandemic, worship, Rector). Ginny has requested that the vestry rank all these funding projects because we can't fund them all.

**Motion** to approve Treasurer's report by Richard Ammons. Second by David Shumate. Motion passed.

Vestry needs to approve new check signers.

**Motion** to approve Treasurer's report by Richard Ammons. Second by David Shumate. Motion passed.

## **Saint Philips In the Trees**

Vestry has been presented with the discernment committee's report and given time to reflect and discern. Time to vote on committee proposal.

**Motion** to accept recommendation of discernment committee by Kelly Ryan. Second David Shumate. Motion passed.

## **Technology/AV upgrades**

We have a revised proposal and will review at the buildings and grounds retreat on May 8th.

Rector Search

Search is well underway and applications are coming in. We will have lots to consider soon. Be prepared for extra meetings in June and July as candidates will potentially have other offers, and we will want to move quickly.

## **Pastoral Concerns**

## **Adjourn**

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:29pm by Stephen Mazingo.