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Vestry in Attendance: Treat Harvey, Leigh Bordley, Leigh Egeghy, Newman Aguiar, Adam McClellan, Gail Albergo, Richard Ammons, Connie Semans, Treat Harvey

Vestry Via Zoom: Amanda Fratrick, David Shumate, Kelly Ryan, Freda Tucker

Clergy in Attendance: Gabe Lamazares

Guests in Attendance: Ginny Bowman, Duncan Krause, Gail Belvett, Stephanie Johnson, Bob Walker, Emily Sparks

Opening Prayer and Reflection by Gabe Lamazares collaborative remembrances on "What Jesus said".

Consent Agenda:

1. Minutes
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Junior Warden's Report
4. Senior Warden's Report
5. Interim Assistant Rector's Report

Motion to approve consent agenda by Adam McClellan. Second by Gail Albergo. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Laundry/Shower Project presented by Stephanie Johnson

Providing shower and laundry services came out of the 2020 tent encampment experience we had on our grounds. Currently one of the largest gaps at UMD is with day services

including laundry and shower facilities. This project is a step towards trying addressing those needs. Vicki Baker at UMD likes the project and has partnered with us in laying out the process, logistics, volunteers, sanitization, and supplies (cleaning, hygiene, clothing, etc). Gwynetta has been quite involved as well to sort out how she can support the effort.

We propose is to hold provide these services every other Wednesday morning. We can accommodate 12 people and 3 loads of a laundry a week. UMD will help recruit participants at UMD breakfast who are not current residents. We have designed access to the shower and laundry facilities (in the basement) so that there is limited access to the rest of the building. The project has been reviewed with Lewis, Mary, Nia, and Jill. Ideally we would use the Rite 13 room as a “waiting” area but need to discuss this with Emily. We have a hall closet available for supplies, and we will ask the parish to support this effort with ongoing donations of personal hygiene supplies. It will require some volunteers to assist and a small amount of seed money to launch the program. We have talked with our insurance carrier and to accommodate this program will be an additional \$2 year on our policy. We do not have estimates of the costs for additional water and electricity use. Anticipated launch date is the 15th of September (need to recruit and train volunteers first).

Motion to approve laundry project by Leigh Bordley. Second by Adam McClellan. Motion passed.

Vestry Resignation presented by Richard Ammons

Kelly Ryan will have to step down from the vestry as she launches into her diaconate discernment. She will be assigned to a small cohort that will undergo a study followed by an internship. She will continue to be a member of church until she is ordained. Vestry has the option to replace her for the remainder of the year (4 meetings) or wait until the next recruitment class in January. Consensus is to wait to replace. Freda, Treat, David, and one parishioner will be the nominating committee (Kelly would normally be part of the committee as a vestry member but won't since the work comes post-resignation). Will ask

if we can nominate 2 parishioners to join committee. Will need 8 candidates for the 4 open positions.

OLD BUSINESS

Transition Committee presentation by Bob Walker

The committee has been tasked with the following:

1. Saying good bye to Interim. Task complete.
2. Prepare a welcome event for the new rector. Maryann's first Sunday is also Feast of St Philips. We will make it is celebratory as possible within pandemic boundaries. We will also provide a sign up for meal delivery - 2-3 meals a week during the first month.
3. Onboarding process which involves a subcommittee that will meet with her once a month for the first 6 months or so to talk confidentially about events, situations, traditions, concerns, etc. The committee's job is to provide background, context and advice.

Kelly recommends proactively demonstrating our excitement and care before she arrives (gift cards, flowers, cards, etc.). Mary is planning on an interview video prepared to send to the congregation so that we can all get to know her a bit more prior to her arrival. Still on the to-do list is to schedule official installation with Catherine Massey, The installation is essentially a celebration and does not have to be on the first Sunday.

Stewardship Committee presentation by Gail Belvett and Duncan Krause

Stewardship fall program includesL pledge packets, multiple video emails, announcements at all services, preaching, adult formation, article in epistle on the wall of love, a stewardship in-action event in coordination with UMD, and concluding with commitment Sunday on 10/17. Not sure how well stewardship programming in adult formation will be received if virtual. Wall of love will be a visual representation of our pledges focusing on gratitude and love rather than a goal approach. Stewardship is currently acting as a committee of 2, and hoping to gain more involvement after the introductory adult

formation on 9/19. Committee has tried to reorganize the pledge form to address and avoid some of the technical glitches we experienced last year. However none of these efforts address the issue of reaching people we haven't seen or heard from since the beginning of the pandemic. David Shumate has been really helpful in cleaning up the list from last year and helping in identifying folks who may need some special/individual attention. Not sure if REALM will be ready to be the backbone of the drive this go around but are ready to use whatever tool is available.

Fall Formation Program presentation by Gabe Lamazares & Emily Sparks

Gabe will host a hybrid adult form in the parish hall September 12th - October 3rd, and it will be a series based on fundamental questions of faith. Haven't planned any further out yet due to dependencies on the evolution of Delta and the arrival of Maryann. "Evolution and Christian Faith" is the book study group this go round. Creation care study starts on 9/14. Hoping to organize a quiet day or retreat day for a small group at St Philips in the Trees. Would like Maryann to participate in Advent planning.

Children and youth programming will operate as best as possible in-person. Will accommodate non-vaccinated children and youth by meeting outside. Catechesis in courtyard from 10-10:45. Additional youth formation will happen two weekend afternoons a month (one at StPT and the other at church or somewhere close to downtown). New J2A online curriculum has been launched and is really wonderful. Still figuring out how it is going to play out with Delta. Garden close renovation may start as early as November so need to figure out what and how to offer as that project gets underway. These issues are going to remain with us for awhile so it is probably time to really think through the protocols on how we can continue to operate under these conditions indefinitely. Given most kids are going to be back in school in person, kids may be more tolerant of occasional zoom meetings - will give them the opportunity to actually see and interact with one another without a mask. Certainly a reversal from last year.

Pastoral Concerns Gabe Lamazares

Closing Prayer by Kelly Ryan.

Vestry adjourned at 8:11pm.