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VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 27, 2022

Vestry Present: Newman Aguiar, Gail Albergo, Richard Ammons (acting Clerk) Leigh Bordley, Leigh Egeghy, Amanda Fratrack, Adam McClellan (Jr. Warden), Shamioka Rhinehart, Connie Semans (Sr. Warden)

Vestry Absent: Rebecca Hix, Wes Newman, Liz Sappenfield

Clergy Present: Rev. Maryann Younger, Rev. Gabe Lamazares

Guests Present: Ginny Bowman Treasurer), Bryan Dougan (Intern)

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Vestry of St. Philip's Church convened on June 27, 2022, at 6:09 in the Parish Hall, the Rector being in the chair and Richard Ammons acting as Clerk. Leigh Bordley opened the meeting with a reflection and prayer.

Maryann urged everyone to read the Bishops' message responding to recent Supreme Court rulings. Maryann also introduced Bryan Dougan, who is discerning a call to ordained ministry. He will be serving as an intern at St. Philip's, focused on administrative and pastoral care activities.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes of May 23 meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- Summary Financial Statement
- Rector's Report
- Senior Warden's Report
- Junior Warden's Report

Leigh Bordley moved the approval of the regular and consent agendas; Connie seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Financial Town Hall Debrief: Ginny reported that the town hall sessions went well. Follow up questions were submitted in writing and she and others are working to provide answers. Among the questions was a desire to better understand the differences between pre- and post-pandemic Parish budgets. Ginny reported that this session will be part of a series, some of which will be led by the stewardship co-chairs. These additional sessions will likely take place during the 9 am adult formation hour during the summer as well as the Sunday afternoon services at The Trees. Leigh Bordley stressed to the need to be clear and transparent in the follow-up efforts. Conversation also led to a discussion of how to use the website and the Realm system to enhance communication about financial matters.

Reallocation of Unspent Budget funds: Ginny reported that to date only 14% of the funds budgeted for outreach have been spent. She has been in discussion with the clergy and the finance committee about reallocating these funds in light of new demands for outreach support. More specifically, clergy are needing to respond to individuals faced with dire financial situations and their respective discretionary budgets are strained.

Ginny also advised that due to recent staff additions there was a need for additional support for staff development. She suggested the establishment of an account for this purpose be established.

Discussion then turned to recent pledging trends and what that means for parishioner engagement. Maryann shared that there is a national concern that the demographic hit particularly hard by the pandemic is families with children. Another indicator of the challenges in this population is news that the Johnson Service Corps is going on sabbatical for a year to consider its future. Too few applicants stepped forward to participate this year for a viable program.

Parish-wide Strategic Visioning: Connie announced a plan to initiate a strategic visioning process in the fall. There are several important issues facing the parish and it is important to get broad input from the parish before moving forward. Connie invited suggestions of individuals to facilitate this process.

Proposed UMD Homeless Service Center: Maryann shared the latest conceptual drawings for the proposed UMD Service Center. This project has been a key component of St. Philip's campus planning efforts and UMD is seeking affirmation from St. Philip's of its willing to continue as a partner to develop a final project plan. Maryann asked that the vestry forward to her any questions that we had about the plan and process so that the vestry might be well informed as it considers next steps.

Support for Afghan Refugee Family: Leigh Bordley shared recent efforts to support an Afghan refugee family. Discussion focused on ways to provide consistent support and to engage others. Shamioka moved that the vestry pay August rent for the Afghan family; Adam seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Summer Parish Intern: Maryann again introduced Bryan Dougan.

Vestry Hosting of Sunday Service at the Trees: Connie suggested that the vestry be the organizational host for the July 10 Sunday afternoon Service at the Trees. There was broad agreement to do so. Other groups that are serving as hosts are: Racial Justice and Reconciliation Ministry, Old Guys and Daughters of the King, the Search Committee and the Transition Committee.

Pilgrimage Debrief: Maryann briefed the vestry on the youth pilgrimage to Costa Rica. The group faced many challenges. The trip was "Awesome" and "Hard". The young people were very supportive of each other and benefitted greatly from being exposed to missionaries and their lives and values.

Updates from vestry ad-hoc committee; Given the lateness of the hour these reports were held over until next month's meeting.

The vestry did not meet in **Executive Session**.

DISMISSAL AND ADJOURNMENT

Gabe closed with a prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Ammons, acting Clerk