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VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 22, 2022

Vestry Present: Gail Albergo, Leigh Bordley, Rebecca Hix, Adam McClellan (Jr. Warden), Wes Newman (Clerk), Shamiaka Rhinehart, Liz Sappenfield, Connie Semans (Sr. Warden)

Vestry Absent: Newman Aguiar, Richard Ammons, Leigh Egeghy, Amanda Fratrick

Clergy Present: Rev. Maryann Younger

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 August 22, 2022, at 6:06 pm in the Parish Hall, the Rector being in the chair and the Clerk being present. Liz Sappenfield opened the meeting with a reflection and prayer.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes of July 25 meeting
- Treasurer's Report for July
- Summary Financial Statements for June and July
- Rector's Report
- Associate Rector's Report
- Senior Warden's Report
- Junior Warden's Report
- The Trees Update

Adam moved approval of the consent agenda. Shamiaka seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

2021 Audit Report: Ginny noted that the auditors have delivered a clean report, the Finance Committee have reviewed it, and the Treasurer recommends approval by the vestry. Leigh Bordley moved that the report be accepted, Rebecca seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Staffing Update: Maryann announced that Terrill Lloyd is our new Ryals Minister for Youth. His position is part-time, working 20-25 hours/week, and he will start on August 29. Interviews are underway for the open Communications position recently vacated by Mary Karcher.

Proposed UMD Homeless Service Center: Connie updated the vestry on a recent exploratory meeting between St. Philip's and UMD leadership. The meeting was an open discussion of project timetable, possible funding sources, real estate ownership implications, and the upcoming conversations with

Durham County planning staff. The question of who will take the lead role in organizing the project remains open. Leigh Bordley cautioned that although UMD is worthy of continued strong support from St. Philip's, improving direct support services to the homeless community does not address the root causes of poverty and homelessness and St. Philip's ought to use its resources to play a role in addressing those issues as well.

Parish Healing & Reconciliation: Maryann and Connie led the vestry in an open discussion about the extent to which pandemic-related shutdowns and restrictions, coupled with the departure of our previous clergy, have continued to generate feelings of grief, disconnection and disengagement among many parishioners. It will be difficult to move ahead with new initiatives until we are again functioning as a full parish community.

Maryann announced her intention to devote the bulk of her time for several weeks to making direct contact by phone with every household in the parish, to welcome everyone to return to worship and to re-engage in the life of the parish. She and Gabe are also working to re-activate dormant lay pastoral care ministry groups such as the Daughters of the King and Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEM). The vestry brainstormed other strategies to encourage re-engagement, and committed to quickly stage a series of events themed "Come As You Are," focused exclusively on fellowship, celebration and re-engagement. The Stewardship Committee is being asked to re-think its plans for the fall campaign, so that our reach-out to parishioners is primarily pastoral rather than a request for pledges.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The vestry did not meet in Executive Session.

DISMISSAL AND ADJOURNMENT

Maryann closed with a prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Wes Newman, Clerk