

Meeting of the Vestry  
Chapel of the Cross  
September 21, 2016

Present:

Davis Frye, Senior Warden  
Jon Woodward, Junior Warden  
The Rev. Ben Robertson, Rector

Vestry Members Present:

Amy Barker  
Mac Brown  
Tell Flowers  
Dick Lawrence  
Brian Martin  
Sloan McKellar  
Bob Williams

Guest:

Tony Rischer

The meeting was called to order by Ben Robertson, followed by a reflection led by Richard Roberson.

Day in the Country Report (Tony Rischer)

Tony Rischer gave an update on Day in the Country.

- a. Thirty second video will be produced during Day in the Country.
- b. Campaigning Policy for Day in the Country: No 'active campaigning' allowed.

Minutes

Minutes from the August meeting were reviewed.

**Motion:** Amy Barker made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Bob Williams seconded the motion which passed unanimously with aye.

Finance Report (Davis Frye)

Davis read the report provided by Oscar Hartman, Treasurer. The pledge income was a little weak in August, but an increase from the previous year at this time.

- a. Ben recommended a phone-a-thon for annual pledges.
- b. Wednesday Night Supper Update: Annual budget \$15,000. Amy noted a transfer of Shrove Tuesday expenses (and other various kitchen expenses) will help the Wednesday Night Supper budget. We typically have around seventy people Wednesday evenings. Anything purchased for kitchen should be placed under 'kitchen items' in the line budget.
- c. Please reach out to your various ministries to complete budget requests (due November 1st).

**Motion-** Bob Williams made the motion to accept the combined financial reports. Tell Flowers seconded the motion which passed unanimously with aye.

### Capital Campaign Report (Brian Martin)

Ben thanked Martha and Davis Frye and Malorise and Brian Martin for their dedication to the Capital Campaign. Ben is very grateful for this process and to all those involved. 248 families have participated. 152 visits were made. 111 pledges were given. 19 families have not returned their pledge cards. 25 families declined a visit. 22 families received a visit but decided not to participate at this time. Average amount pledged total 3,272,700.00 (almost 3.3 million). Phase I is \$6.1 of the current conceptual design.

### Senior Warden's Report (Davis Frye)

+Executive Session begins at 7:35 P.M.

+Executive Session concludes at 8:05 P.M.

### Junior Warden's Report (Jon Woodward)

Fresh paint is in EYC area. The dirt roads have been worked on. The crack in the Chapel has been sealed. There are some wiring problems in the Narthex. It should be fixed this week. A proposal will be sent to Jon regarding a quote for foundation.

a. Vestry had a discussion about repairing the floor and purchasing a runner for the Chancel.

**Motion-** Bob Williams made a motion to authorize Jon and Cheryl to solicit costs of floors and runners with funds given by movie company. Amy Barker seconded the motion which passed unanimously with aye.

### Rector's Report (Reverend Ben Robertson)

a. Bishop had wonderful things to say about Chapel of the Cross.

b. Staff has upgraded database system to 'Realm'. A pictorial directory will be. Realm gives members access as well. A discussion will continue to see if Vestry wants to exchange information via Realm.

c. Sunday October 9th Blessing of the Animals. Deep South Pops will be there as well.

### Old Business

• No Old Business

### New Business

a. Design Input Committee: Sloane reported on her committee's findings. She feels the scope of her work is to look at feedback and make recommendations to Vestry by October meeting. She provided a handout for the Vestry addressing the personal visits to Chapel members. She encouraged the Vestry to look over handout prior to October meeting.

b. Reflections on Capital Campaign and the next steps: A letter will be mailed to the parish stating we are prayerful and moving forward. Davis encourages Vestry to create a positive message in this continued process.

1. Richard Roberson will investigate Grant possibilities.

2. Mac Brown and Brian Martin will look into loans within the next two weeks (with possible assistance from Dick Lawrence)

3. Ben and Davis will have possible meetings as discussed in the Executive Session.

Adjourn

***Motion*** was made by Bob Williams to adjourn the meeting. Sloan McKellar seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with aye.

Respectfully submitted by Grace Simmons, Vestry Clerk