

Meeting of the Vestry The Chapel of the Cross September 16, 2020

Attendance:

In Person: Rev. Ben Robertson, Stan Herren, Bill Buhner, Sarabeth Clark, Ashley Herden, Steve Middleton, Reggie Sims, Bob Williams, Ralph Stillions, Tommy Roberson, Rev. Will Compton

Via Zoom: Brock Haas, Ellen O'Neal

Absent: Rebecca Haas, Will Morton

Also Attending: Amy Barker

A tour of the new worship space for the vestry was conducted before the meeting.

- I. Welcome and opening prayer by Rev. Ben Robertson**
- II. Tour of New Worship Space/discussion**
- III. Creative Reflection and Prayers for new worship space**
--vestry members were given an opportunity to write our prayers and hopes for the new worship space
- IV. August minutes and September agenda**
No changes or edits
Motion to accept August minutes made by Tommy, seconded by Steve, unanimously approved by Vestry's vote
- V. Old/Ongoing Business**
 - a. Treasurer's Report—Brock Haas
 - revenue for August is down significantly, but this was expected
 - Dana has deposited \$50,000 worth of pledges for September, so Brock is not concerned
 - debt service charge (\$20,000) is for quarterly billing vs monthly so that is why the number is larger than expected
 - pursuing capitalized interest would not benefit us because we are a nonprofit
 - questions and further discussion of budget
 - motion to accept treasurer's report made by Stan, seconded by Bill, unanimously approved by Vestry's vote

- b. Building Report—Amy Barker
 - i. Financial Update
 - Brock and Dana keep track of financials; Amy keeps track of the line items and why/how money is spent; will meet together to make sure all items are in line
 - ii. Project History
 - dates/history of new worship space construction reviewed for the Vestry
 - iii. Project Governance
 - on handout
 - have had only 5 change orders and 19 total changes in the duration of the project
 - iv. Tour Debrief—Q/A
 - Tommy wanted to ask other churches with wall-mounted lights what they have done to cover them if anything
 - lights on walls can be on, off, or dimmed
 - v. Valances
 - tabled based on email discussion until complete financial picture is available
 - vi. Other items
 - potential Bear Creek issue—fire hydrant should have been connected by Bear Creek; this is a liability issue
 - worst case is water line will need to be torn out; not an issue at this time but just notifying Vestry
 - potential interior decorator—furnishings committee is researching this; still many small decisions to be made; no action to be taken yet
 - discussion of red stain for front doors
- c. Senior Warden Report—Bob
 - i. A Day in the Country 2020
 - chairs have met, website is complete
 - signs are being updated along with social media postings—no paid advertising
 - pull through for pick up
 - live music on site that day
 - ii. Annual Council
 - decision about how much of AC will be virtual will be made Thursday
 - opening ceremony will be here at Chapel of the Cross in January 2021

- d. Junior Warden Report—Ralph
 - new fencing has been installed
 - no money in budget for landscaping or irrigation around new building (bid given was \$14, 500)—grass, trees, shrubs also
 - team from Davidson Marble are straightening headstones in the cemetery

- e. Rector’s Ramblings—Ben
 - i. Reopening Report
 - in person services are going well
 - Ellen has concerns about Sunday School meeting at times besides Sunday mornings

 - ii. Personnel Issues
 - Ed Daucus hired as choirmaster/organist
 - still looking for Parish Communicator

 - iii. Process to decide name for new worship space
 - each vestry member submitted his or her top 3 options; final decision to be made at October meeting

- f. Associate Rector’s Associations—Will
 - thinking about “Gospel on Tap” on Wednesday nights

 - i. Chairs for Altar and Flower Guilds
 - Altar Guild—Mary Margaret Buchanan and Laurie Williams
 - Flower Guild—Laney Crampton
 - more members needed for Altar Guild; couples could get involved potentially

VI. New Business/Committee Referrals

None

VII. Adjourn

--Reggie moved to adjourn, Sarabeth seconded, unanimously approved by the Vestry’s vote

These minutes were approved by the Board of Directors
