

Meeting of the Vestry
Chapel of the Cross
October 20, 2021

Attendance: Rev. Ben Robertson, Ashley Herden, Bob Williams, Cliff Agnew, Stan Herren, Tommy Roberson, Ellen O'Neal, Bill Buhner, Sarabeth Clark, Will Morton, Marvin Koury, Brock Haas

Others Present: Michael Barker and Rev. Will Compton, Associate Rector

I Welcome/Prayer

Led by Rev. Ben Robertson

II September Minutes/October Agenda

A. *Motion:* Motion made by Marvin to approve the September minutes. Will seconded the motion, unanimously approved by Vestry's vote.

B. *Motion:* Motion made by Tommy to ratify motion that was made via email to approve the purchase of 2 cemetery lots to John and Marilyn Sewell. Will seconded the motion, unanimously approved by Vestry's vote.

III. Old/Ongoing Business

A. Treasurer's Report: Michael Barker

1. Capital Campaign/Finance Report: Michael went over income statement. From a cash perspective, we have some large payments coming up. Last month was the lowest month we have had for the year. He went over YTD expenses. A presentation will be made during the Treasurer's Report at the Annual Meeting, and will hopefully encourage members to pay towards debt. The Numbers Committee met and made recommendation to Finance Committee. Michael plans to re-negotiate mortgage rate. We have a mortgage cap under diocese. Recommendation is to use proposal (that is not exact) for conversion of construction loan to mortgage loan and then convert in May for the best interest rate that can be made.

Motion: Motion was made to accept recommendation for conversion of construction loan as stated above made by Stan, seconded by Brock, unanimously approved by Vestry's vote

2. Organ Campaign: He recommended payment installments towards organ debt. Michael explained \$578,000 dollars has been paid towards organ. \$120,025 remain.

Motion: Motion made by Ellen to pay the remaining amount of the organ as recommended by the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Brock and unanimously approved by Vestry's vote.

Motion: Motion was made by Tommy to accept Treasurer's Report, seconded by Stan, unanimously approved by the Vestry's vote.

Motion: Motion was made to accept Financial report as submitted. Motion made by Brock, seconded by Will, and unanimously approved by Vestry's vote.

3. 2022 Annual Campaign Report: Stan thanked Will and Sarah for all their work. He encouraged Vestry Members to continue to contact members for pledges. Tommy stated that things are going well. He complimented Will and Ben on presentation.

B. Senior Warden's Report: Bob Williams

1. Bear Creek update was given. Change order was signed and reimbursements have been made.
2. Mercantile Store Update/463 & Gluckstadt Road: Group went to Zoning and Planning Committee and voiced concerns about a service station being placed in this historic area. Ellen distributed a handout showing covenants. She went over declarations, regulations, and filings. She defined "convenient store", "general mercantile store", and "overlay zone". The Overlay District meets on November 8, 2021. Suggestion was made that Bob, Stan, Ellen, Will, Bill, and Cliff get together and report back to Vestry.

C. Junior Warden's Report: Marvin Koury

- Marvin went over grounds/operating budget. Note will be made in auditor's report of anticipated costs. Michael will explain budget item further at November Vestry Meeting.
- Apartment needs new AC unit, he will send Vestry estimates.
- Ice machine needs a pump; kitchen fixtures will be put up.
- Loading Dock: Discussion of coolers and meat smoking equipment. It is not sanitary. Michael, Ben, and Marvin will talk to Keith about proposal. Area needs to be cleaned-out.

Motion: Motion was by Bill to not exceed \$5,000 for apartment AC unit. Will seconded the motion, and was anonymously approved by Vestry's vote.

-Punch List (Bill Buhner): Main red doors are cracking. Continual problem with toilets in Children's Chapel area.

D. Rector's Ramblings: Ben Robertson

1. Virus Update: Ben met with the Virus Committee. They are recommending to continue to wear a mask and postpone Wednesday night supper until November. We will plan to begin with the chili cookout and go maskless on All Saints' Sunday. Hearing assisted devices will be available beginning Sunday.

2. We have a Youth Minister intern. He will move into apartment on November 1.

3. Employee Health Insurance: We will see significant savings in Health Insurance. Ben would like to extend health insurance to Dana.

Motion: Motion made to pay Dana and spouse health insurance. Motion by Tommy, Will seconded, unanimously approved by Vestry's vote.

4. Vestry and Warden Nominating Committee:

Vestry Nominating Committee: 2 People Selected: David Cado, Karen Bonner

Alternates: Al Doty, Suzanne Crell

Senior Warden Nominating Committee Members (Vestry members): Will and Stan

Junior Warden Nominating Committee Members: Julie Denton, Pete Clark

Alternates: Guy Bowering, Andrew Cook

E. Associate Rector's Associations: Will

Will has no report at this time.

IV. New Business/Committee Referrals

No report at this time

V. Adjourn

Motion made by Sarabeth to adjourn meeting, seconded by Brock, unanimously approved by the Vestry's vote.

Minutes prepared by Grace Simmons, Vestry Clerk

Reminder: Next Vestry Meeting: November 17, 2021 at 6:00 pm