

Vestry Zoom Meeting, October 12, 2021

Vestry members present were: Phil Baese, David Reed, Peggy McCray, Marshall Wright, Danielle Lankford, Dianne Franz, Herman Beck, Meg Brady, Russ Peck and Jr. Warden, Lori Morris. Also present were the Rev. Kurt Weisner, Seminarian Ashley Gurling, Treasurer, Melissa Wank and Clerk, Sarabeth Clevenger. Visitors included Chris Zarek, Phyllis Leppert and Geoff Ellis . Sr. Warden, Kristy Muday was absent due to family business.

At 6:40 pm. Kurt+ opened the meeting with a reflection on Mary Oliver's poem, "Storage". Getting rid of emotional burdens and our stuff opens us to following the Spirit.

Kurt+ suggested the following types of services for the changing season as we continue to fight Covid: 8:00 am Zoom Morning Prayer; 9:30 am socially distanced and masked Eucharist in the Parish Hall, RSVP required, doors open for ventilation; 11:00 am Eucharist service in the sanctuary (encouraged for the unvaccinated), social distancing and masks required, doors remaining open when possible; 3:00 pm Eucharist in the courtyard as weather permits. Vestry recommended signs, announcements in the newsletter, and as much communication with congregation and visitors as we can. Kurt+ will enforce the RSVP requirement at 9:30 am. Live Streaming will be available for the 11 am service and Meg recommended

posting instructions on how to participate. Christmas services will include an hour long concert on YouTube, attended digitally; and live services on Christmas Eve at 2pm, 5pm, and 8pm. Christmas Day will have a 10am Eucharist. Ashley will conduct morning Prayer at 10am on Sunday, the 26th, which will be live streamed. Kurt+ promised to email this information to the Vestry.

Chris Zarek presented the drawing of the parking lot plan to the Vestry. It shows 19 parking slots , 10 8'x3' garden plots and shrubbery borders around the whole, separating it from the street and neighbors as well as utility areas. This plan will be presented to the Land Use Committee of the Community Council, then to the full Council and from there to the City Planning Commission. Chris thinks it will likely be approved. The Vestry should talk to neighbors and friends to gain support. There will be a few trees in front, though one may have to be removed to allow room for the second driveway. There will be a trellis with some seats, a short stairway to the utility buildings and playground, and possibly a ramp to the upper area. Demolition, grading and some provision for watering the area will be necessary. This plan has been approved by the FFA. Previous estimates for cost were 5-7 thousand dollars per parking stall, and 4 to 7 thousand per square foot for the planting areas. Herman asked what the cost of demolition will be. Chris said he would provide new numbers as soon as

he can. Dianne asked about the timeline; Chris replied that it would be a 6 week to 8 week process to gain approval from the Community Council, then 12 weeks to 6 months or more before the City planning Commission would approve demolition.

Melissa presented the monthly financial information. Pledges are down, other income is up. We are operating on the Covid budget. A request to pay down our Line of Credit debt will be a subject at the Trustee Meeting the next day. Melissa requested input about ministry expenses. Most categories of the budget are “cleaned up”. All asset accounts have been reconciled. Work is still to be done on future equity accounts. Current figures show us in a budget deficit by December. Discussion about taking 5% from the Endowment fund instead of the current 3.5% was held since this is a “rainy day” and that amount is allowed. The budget committee will look at all this closely. Peggy suggested a Christmas “ask” for contributions from the congregation. There was a discussion about communicating our need to the congregation and using careful wording so that general pledges and gifts fill in the budget. Danielle said the Stewardship committee will help with the “ask”. Kurt+ thanked the budget committee for their hard work. Next year’s budget is under construction and will continue to be until January.

Kurt+ had a discussion with Charles about his plans to continue as Music Director for a few months past Christmas. A committee will be formed to write a job description and conduct a search to replace Charles when he decides to leave.

The Communications Committee made changes to the newsletter and the website, which all complemented. They are working on a history page and asked for pictures to include, with permission to publish them.

The Youth Committee has had 5 “Lunch with Jesus “ sessions in which 8 Jr. High and High School students asked questions, discussed and enjoyed themselves.

Pumpkin carving will be October 30 in the courtyard. The last 9:30 service outdoors is October 31. Pet Blessing in the courtyard will be held Oct. 17 in the afternoon.

Lori said the Pantry will have a reduced gathering but will have a Christmas event.

Community Engagement is currently stuck but working on Covid solutions to their plans.

Conversation on the Women’s Lectionary will be held Wednesday, October 13 at 5 pm.

Dianne reported the monthly cards to the congregation are appreciated.

Kurt+ asked for live streaming technical help.

Danielle said the videos for the Stewardship Committee are in and being edited. She thanked all for participating. Kurt+ adjourned the meeting at 9:11 pm, thanking all for their work and attendance and bidding us to “Go in peace”.