

The September Vestry Meeting was held by Zoom on Sept. 14, 2020. It opened with prayer at 6:30PM with all but two Vestry Members present. Vestry and Kurt + agreed that the infection rate of the Coronavirus in the community remains too high to reopen at this time.

An HVAC expert will be available to Vestry Members and others who would like to consult on Tuesday, Sept. 29th by Zoom.

The Treasurer's report showed slowing pledges, as is usual in summer. Since there is no plate income the shortfall in operating funds is made up from a line of credit at the bank, and the PPP loan. Two alternative budgets were shown, one using 2019 - 2020 figures, and one with reductions in expenses and income, each showing a deficit.

Vestry discussed replacing the carpet on the second floor hallway and classrooms with new linoleum. Bid for this job was \$23,000. The Preschool will contribute \$9,000 from a grant they received. Vestry voted to proceed.

Details of the Diocesan Convention, to be held by zoom September 19 - 20, were discussed. The time frame for choosing a new Bishop has been extended.

The following sub-committees reported:

Children and Youth: Plans are for a virtual pet blessing on Oct. 4, a virtual pumpkin carving event and virtual activities for Advent.

Communications has added a new member from the congregation and the church Administrator will help in tabulating communication preferences of church members. The Tag Team and Newcomer's committees are also reaching out. Text alerts for upcoming events or threats were recommended. Kurt + urged all to continue contacting Parishioners

Leadership is working on a document to orient and guide new Vestry Members. Also a new document is being prepared defining Vestry - Rector roles and interaction.

Newcomers, or Welcoming, Committee sent out swag bags to those newcomers for whom there is contact information.

The Tag Team, or Social, Committee has 11 people to contact 240 members of the church. Notes have been written with more planned for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Recent power outages caused a delay in the Stewardship Committee meeting, but members have plans they are working on, videos and letters.

FFA is working with the Treasurer on finances and budget planning. They are addressing the new flooring. A congregational audit is being prepared by two Parishioners and the church Administrator. Responsibility for meeting with city officers about plans for the properties north of the church is currently in the hands of a designated Parishioner. The Senior Warden said he would communicate progress to the Parish.

Third floor toilets were damaged by the power outage. Bids have been taken to fix them and the sewage grinder. Vestry voted to fund the repair.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:45.