

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

VESTRY MINUTES

July 7, 2020

Vestry members in attendance: Rector David Lynch, Senior Warden John Biggs, Junior Warden Les Woodward, Bill Carle, Gabe Conn, Tess Garcia, Jim Gilligan, David Henson, and Arla Witte-Simpson

Absent: Jim Whitaker

After a devotion and prayer, the meeting was called to order by Fr. David Lynch at 7:00 p.m. The first portion of the meeting was devoted to discussion of and reaction to the Bishop's comments at the June meeting and how his thoughts and comments fit into who we are as a Christian parish family. It is a difficult time for the church and for all of us in dealing with the pandemic, the social unrest, and the politics that surround us. It was moved by Tess Garcia and seconded by John Biggs that the minutes of the previous meeting (SEE ATTACHED) be accepted after the correction of the first name of Pastor Bill George.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report - Jim Gilligan (SEE ATTACHED): At the end of June, the parish had \$200,000 in cash and investments, \$180,000 of which is unrestricted or temporarily restricted. The church continues to have strong pledge and plate receipts; however, plate receipts were boosted by a special \$2,500 from a parishioner. Expenses are at or less than those budgeted with the exception of general office expense which is over-budget by \$725 due to the purchase of a new computer. The budget for the first half of the year projected a loss of \$9,800 and the church has actually had net income of \$3,500. The Summary of Restricted Accounts reflects the following significant events in June: The donation of \$25,000 to Memorials and Gifts by the Alva and Angela Hill Estate, a \$750 Jubilee Grant for the Outreach BackSnack program, and a \$400 contribution to the discretionary fund. The treasurer and finance committee are working on diversifying the parish's investments given the large amount of cash. It was moved by Gabe Conn and seconded by Arla Witte-Simpson that the treasurer's report be approved as presented; it was approved unanimously by voice vote.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT & CAPITAL CAMPAIGN – Fr. David:

Fr. David noted that the parish received the above-mentioned \$25,000 memorial gift, receipts from various fundraising events, and a \$2,500 plate receipt from a parishioner. A discussion about possible ways to spend these funds included the possible purchase of a playground, the expansion of the narthex and installation of a lift (the capital campaign), contributions to Community Services League or other local charities, and/or possible improvements to the existing building, eg., a new floor in the kitchen or hiring contractors to fast-track completion of the ongoing renovation work.

The initial discussion was about whether the Vestry would like to obtain very nice playground equipment (worth approximately \$40,000) from St. Mary's Episcopal by dismantling and transporting it and giving a contribution to St. Mary's. Fr. David stated that the amount of the contribution, which had initially been discussed as \$400-500, should be \$1,000. The equipment would then be stored until it is decided to install and use it, and the cost to remove the equipment would be \$500 or less, bringing the initial outlay to \$1,500 or less. The cost to install the equipment (by parishioners) would be up to \$7,000 and would include mulch under the playground and a fence around it. A motion made via email prior to this meeting (SEE ATTACHED) would have provided \$10,000 to procure and install the equipment; that motion failed due to a lack of a unanimous electronic approval. An in-person vote does not require a unanimous vote. There was discussion about whether the purchase and installation of the playground would preclude the capital campaign, help for

local charities, or other initiatives, and it was agreed that it would not. Arla Witte-Simpson inquired as to why the committee set up to look at the equipment was not included in the viewing of the equipment. She also pointed out that the equipment would need to be sanitized and its use monitored for safety reasons. Although it was brought up in this discussion that the soccer group which uses our fields has proposed a golf tournament where the proceeds would be given to the church, this is not tied to the playground proposal in any way and such a tournament is contingent on being able to do it safely during or after the pandemic.

Because questions came up on whether the following alternate areas were in need of attention, the junior warden provided the following views: The gutters are in good shape. The roof is going to be looked at by someone soon. There are not any wood rot issues with the windows, other than possibly with the stained glass ones which would be custom work, and there is no internal damage due to water with regard to the stained glass windows. The ceiling, kitchen, and downstairs hallway work is already budgeted assuming the labor remains free.

Tess Garcia made the following motion, which was seconded by Bill Carle and approved by a vote of 7 (all present with the exception of Fr. David, who abstained, and Arla Witte-Simpson, who voted no) to 1:

RESOLVED, that Vestry members procure playground equipment from St. Mary's Episcopal Church for a \$1,000 donation. The equipment will be removed by parishioners at a cost of \$250 or less and stored until it is known where it will be placed.

The treasurer noted that there are operating funds which could be used to donate the \$1,000 to St. Mary's.

After a brief discussion, the Vestry agreed in general to continue to pursue the capital campaign to expand the narthex.

Following Gabe Conn's request that the kitchen floor be replaced and a discussion of whether that was needed, Tess Garcia moved that a contractor be hired to replace the floor. There being no second, the motion failed.

Following a discussion of how the Community Services League is struggling in trying to provide rent, utilities, food, and other support to families and a discussion of whether the discretionary fund was more appropriate for some of these funds, Fr. David made the following motion, which was seconded by Tess Garcia, and approved by voice vote:

RESOLVED, that a contribution of \$6,000 be made to the local Community Services League office to support local families in any way deemed appropriate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Grounds – Les Woodward: Because the company hired to fix the kitchen refrigerator has not performed as expected, it has been fired and a new company will be hired for the job. Work on the kitchen continues and there will be a meeting with the architect on the expansion plan soon.

Hospitality/Welcome – David Henson: Nothing further to report.

Pastoral Care – Gabe Conn: Nothing further to report.

Outreach – Pat Carle for Jim Whitaker: a \$750 Jubilee Grant was obtained by Elaine Gilligan for use in the BackSnack program. School (virtual and in person) is scheduled to begin August 24.

Education & Planning – Fr. David Lynch: Nothing further to report.

Parish Life – Bill Carle: Soccer practices in our fields are scheduled for four days a week from 3 p.m. though 8 p.m.

Worship – Arla Witte-Simpson: Nothing further to report.

Communications – Jim Gilligan: Nothing further to report.

Stewardship – Dr. Tess Garcia: Nothing further to report.

Emergency Planning – John Biggs: Rich Conn is preparing a written plan to re-commence in-person services. A few new parishioners seem to have appeared in-person at the outdoor services during the pandemic and several new but consistent visitors have appeared at the online services.

LEADERSHIP REPORTS:

Jr. Warden – Les Woodward: Nothing further to report.

Sr. Warden – John Biggs: Nothing further to report.

Rector - Fr. David Lynch: He has not been able to do visitations during the pandemic. Diocesan activities include a clericus meeting on July 14 to discuss writing a covenant about the history of the church and race issues; this issue is expected to cause significant debate. Local chaplains are starting to get called again, so Fr. David may be called into this service soon.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Capital Campaign - Les Woodward: Nothing further to report.

Corona Virus – Third service for restart?: There was a discussion about the need for one service that would not be broadcast. The bishop needs a 14 day period to make a decision about re-opening any parish. There was general agreement that the goal should be to restart in-person services on September 13, 2020.

Social Media Policy – Fr. David Lynch, Arla Witte-Simpson, Bill Carle, and Dr. Tess Garcia: A draft version of the proposed policy was distributed prior to the meeting. Arla Witte-Simpson went through her two questions on the draft and it was decided that no youth leaders are needed on adult-only media sites. Vestry members will re-read the policy and offer comments to those involved in the draft.

AED Maintenance – Fr. David: The AED came with a plan that costs \$500 for a 5-year commitment for the EMS to re-supply pads for the device once it has been deployed. It was generally agreed upon that the \$500 cost does not require Vestry approval and that the protection plan should be kept up to date. There was a discussion as to whether the church needs another AED and it was generally agreed that this was not needed.

Following a prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

NEXT VESTRY MEETING – August 12, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Carle for

Kelly Blankenship, Secretary