



ATTENDEES:

Present: The Rev. Brian Cannaday	Jane Montgomery	Cheryl Tolbert
Sonny Morrison	Susan Hill	David Crouch
Eric Zapp	Julie Howell	Will Hensel
Melodie Keener	Sam Owens	Kyle Farmer

Fr. Brian called the monthly Vestry Meeting to order with prayer.

Minutes – After reviewing the May minutes, it was noted that the discussion regarding making the Vestry Zoom meetings public had been omitted. David Crouch made a motion, seconded by Jane Montgomery to approve the minutes as amended. Vote: unanimous.

Sr. Warden – No report.

Jr. Warden – David Crouch reviewed the buildings and grounds project list including:

- Gutters- Chuck's Gutters looked at the gutters today. They're in bad shape and will be expensive. Another estimate is being sought, and a proposal for new gutters with screens will be presented at the next meeting.
- Foundation cracks- An engineering firm will be brought in for an estimate.
- Landscaping- Maintenance and refurbishing damaged plants has been deferred until fall. Freeze and drought resistant plants will replace the ones lost in last winter's freeze.
- Sacristy- A broken tile needs repaired to remove the tripping hazard.
- Altar step- A proposal for a \$600 slip guard will be presented at our next meeting.
- Online service- Backup works, and was inexpensive.
- Parish Hall closet- Dan Keener, David Crouch and Fr. Brian cleaned the closet and filled an empty dumpster with trash.
- Clean-up day is this Saturday beginning at 8:00 AM. Some work has been done to the kitchen prior to work day. It was suggested that the kitchen policies be updated. Nobody is sure who uses the kitchen.

Membership- Jane finished the every member canvass, and updates have been given to Alyssa to post to Breeze. Some photos are still needed. Since not all members of our congregation are familiar with Breeze, it was suggested that a quarterly reminder be placed in the newsletter regarding how to access the directory. David will see if the link can be changed to directory@StChris.org.

Online attendance is going down and in-person attendance is up. There is still more online than in-person, but it's getting closer. There are approximately 200 people watching online and 100-130 people attending in person. We are touching a lot more people online, but there's no way to know who they are.

Christian Ed – Katie reported that formation meetings are ongoing.

Worship – The choir is once again rehearsing on Thursday evenings and singing at the 10:00 service. There are 9 or 10 choir members, including 3 men. We still need men. Interviews are being held for a contemporary worship leader.

Rector Report –Fr. Brian asked Vestry members to email him within the next week with a copy to Sam with our thoughts on getting back to in-person meetings.

- Church picnic- The picnic will be Sunday, July 26th. There will be one blended service at 10:00 that morning. Meagan is organizing. The main course will be catered and the congregation will bring side dishes.
- Task Force- The group is gaining clarity. A meeting will be held at the church on Sunday, July 11th at 3:00 PM to update the congregation and to ask for suggestions. The meeting will also be online.
- Vestry Member of the Week – As Covid numbers continue to decline in Galveston County, we want to open the welcome center with coffee and donuts and move forward with Vestry Member of the Week. We will not receive any more directives from the Bishop. We decide what to do from here. Policies and procedures for Vestry of the Week need defined for those new to the board. In July, we will come up with a plan so that we can move forward with an August 1st start-up date. Melodie asked about hugging and shaking hands during the passing of the peace. Fr. Brian will think about it, but reminded us to be mindful of others.
- Church Safety Class – Jane, Katie, Fr. Brian and Carl Schutz will attend a class regarding procedures in the event of an active shooter. The class is offered for free at the College of the Mainland on August 2nd.
- Vestry nominees – Sam, Eric, Melodie, and Susan are the Vestry members graduating in the class of 2021. Elections are in October. Sam, Eric, Melodie and Susan as well as others on the Vestry should be on the lookout for nominees. Nominees should be referred directly to Fr. Brian.

New Business – Sam received an email from Greg Decker asking the Vestry to approve a purse collection for Fr. Brian's upcoming sabbatical. The collection would be a voluntary act of the congregation. The need for such a collection was discussed. What if there's too much given? Fr. Brian stated that excess would become discretionary funds to be used as needed. He reported that the discretionary fund is healthy, and that he will be spending 90% of his sabbatical time at home. He is getting a \$7500 grant from the Diocese. Fr. Brian said he did not have the need for additional funds, but will use them wisely if given them. Eric added that he wanted to know the history of the purse collection. Fr. Tom was given a collection, however he traveled to Europe with the funds. David stated that he just got the email yesterday. He suggested that the Vestry give it some thought for a month and table it until the next meeting.

- Garden Clearing – Estimates are being gathered to clear the garden. Maximum bid should be \$3000 or less. Earth Works will give an estimate next week. Funds for this project will come from the maintenance budget.
- Conference Room Audio/Visual Equipment – After discussing conference room equipment needs and their cost, Jane Montgomery motioned, seconded by Eric Zapp to purchase a 75" monitor on a rolling cart and a blu ray player at a cost of \$1700 with funds coming from the memorial fund. Vote: unanimous.
- Buckner Hall Tables and Chairs – In order to make set-up and tear-down easier in Buckner Hall, it was decided to purchase tables and chairs on rolling carts. Julie Howell motioned, seconded by Jane Montgomery to purchase 2 rolling carts with tables and 2 rolling carts with chairs at a cost of \$1450 with funds coming from the building fund. Vote: unanimous. David suggested that a Buckner Hall warden position be created. The suggestion will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Old Business – None.

Treasurer's Report – Eric Zapp reviewed the Treasurer's Report. It was all good news. Cash flow for the month is up \$20,000 and \$69,000. We have \$400,000 in the bank with no liability except for restricted funds. We will have a surplus at yearend. Will Hensel motioned, seconded by Melodie Keener to accept the treasurer's report as submitted. Vote: unanimous.

There being no further business before the Vestry, the meeting closed with prayer by Will Hensel. Sonny Morrison motioned, seconded by Eric Zapp to adjourn. Vote: unanimous. The next meeting will be on Monday, July 19, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.

