



ATTENDEES:

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

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

Minutes –As the minutes of the August meeting were unavailable, they were reviewed and approved by email vote after tonight’s meeting.

Sr. Warden – No report.

Jr. Warden – The bids for gutters and landscaping were surprising. The gutter repairs are being reviewed with the Buildings and Grounds Committee, and a recommendation will be presented at next month’s meeting.

- The list for building repairs is being prioritized and recommendations will be made before the 2022 budget is finalized. Hopefully most projects can be completed by the end of next year.
- Staff computers are 6 years old and should be replaced. Carla’s is new. Dennis and Alyssa’s can be purchased for \$2200 from the surplus budget, since they haven’t been budgeted. The remaining computers can be budgeted for next year. Items not budgeted need approval by the Vestry. Jane moved, seconded by Katie to approve the \$2200 for 2 computers for Dennis and Alyssa. Vote: unanimous.
- On September 25th Fr. Brian reached out to Vestry members via email regarding a request to approve a bid from Sharp Landscaping to refresh our campus after the winter freeze. Previous bids had been in the \$18-25k range. The bid from Sharp was \$12,819. The request needed approval prior to the next meeting in order to get on the landscaper’s calendar for October. Cheryl motioned, seconded by David to approve the \$12,819 for the purpose of refreshing the campus landscape. A discussion followed. Sharp comes highly recommended from a parishioner who uses their services. They refurbished the Memorial Garden, and David, Jane and Fr. Brian are impressed with their communication, professionalism, and follow-up. The bid includes updating the main courtyard, refurbishing and cleaning out the bed in front of the sanctuary, and the bed around the road sign. It also includes tree trimming in the front yard and courtyard. The funds will come from surplus. After all questions and concerns were addressed, it was determined on September 27th that enough (11) affirmative votes were received to carry the motion.

Membership - Jane has been considering a possible outreach for Mother’s Day Out. Fr. Brian stated that the program is well advertised in the community, but the congregation doesn’t know much about it. Jane and Julie will come back with recommendations. MDO is a ministry of the church.

Christian Ed – Katie reported Christian Ed is going back to in-person as of September 12th. Men’s Breakfast and Formation Classes are still via Zoom. Newcomer’s classes will result in 1 or 2 confirmations and 2 re-affirmations in October.

Worship - The daily devotions Fr. Brian posts to Facebook are getting positive response.

- Nicole Gerry has accepted the Contemporary Worship Leader position. Nicole grew up at St. Chris, stepped away to explore other denominations, and has come back. Her parents are also back at St. Chris.
- Our online worship has had response from as far away as Uganda, Italy, and Great Britain.

Kitchen - Susan has drafted a Kitchen Policy update for Fr. Brian to review.

- The disposal in the double sink needs replaced.
- The Youth Group uses the kitchen as well as the Women's Bible Study on Wednesday. Someone else is also using the kitchen whose identity is unknown. Jane stated that the kitchen door is a very vulnerable spot in terms of safety.

Rector Report – Seven Vestry nominations have been vetted, qualified and submitted. The Vestry can 1) decide which 4 to approve, or 2) put forth all 7 for a congregational vote. After discussing the pros and cons of both methods, the Vestry decided to hold a secret ballot in-person vote at our in-gathering on October 17th. The profiles of each nominee will be posted in the Spotlight in early October prior to the vote.

- The Exploratory Task Force presented its recommendations to the Vestry for developing the 5.5 acres south of our campus. The recommendation is that we explore the feasibility of developing a multi-purpose building to accommodate a centralized resource center that will assist agencies serving League City and the surrounding area. The building would also serve as a large meeting space for agencies and the church to provide workshops, food and supply drives, and other gatherings that would serve the community. The next step is for the Vestry to approve a feasibility study. Jane motioned, seconded by Susan, that the feasibility study be approved. Vote: unanimous. A signed document is needed. Fr. Brian will email the document to us signed by him on our behalf.
- Fr. Brian asked that we consider \$2600 in support of Eric Ellis for his 2021-2022 tuition and seminary expenses. We did not financially support him during his first year. The funds would be taken from the surplus or discretionary accounts. Will motioned, seconded by Sonny, to approve the \$2600 for the financial support of Eric Ellis' 2021-22 tuition and seminary expenses. Vote; unanimous.
- COVID protocols remain in place. On October 3rd the chalice will be reinstated, intinction only. The Welcome Center will remain closed for now.
- The October 17th Parish Picnic is still on.
- A Process for Leadership Report for Fr. Brian's upcoming Sabbatical will be presented at our next meeting.

New Business – The Vestry was made aware that a family has commissioned for a new cross for Buckner Hall at a cost of \$3800. The family asked that they give the money to the church, and the church make the purchase. There were no objections from the Vestry to the \$3800 donation. Eric stated that we don't have a process for this type of donation. We are now using the discretionary fund, which is a little loose. Special gifts such as a gift of this magnitude need recorded, and a reserve account should be created. A process moving forward for large donations was tabled for our October meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Eric Zapp reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Income is \$136,000 favorable for the year, and the General Fund balance is \$223,000.

- The 2022 budget is being developed. Melodie is working on the financial review.
- Lynn Ashley, another CPA in our congregation, will be our 2022 treasurer.

Will motioned, seconded by Katie to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Vote: unanimous.

There being no further business before the Vestry, Will closed the meeting in prayer. Eric motioned, seconded by Sam to adjourn. Vote: unanimous. The next meeting will be on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.