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**ATTENDEES:**

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

The annual Vestry Retreat was called to order at 1:30 P.M. The retreat will also serve as the January Vestry Meeting.

Fr. Brian opened with prayer followed with a welcome, introductions, and a check-in. Several members have received their first COVID vaccination. Information regarding vaccination sites and availability was shared.

**Officer Positions** were assigned as follows:

Sr. Warden -	Sam Owens
Jr. Warden -	David Crouch
Clerk -	Cheryl Tolbert
Treasurer -	Eric Zapp
Membership -	Jane Montgomery
Christian Education -	Katie Gardner
Facilities and Grounds -	Kyle Farmer and Sony Morrison
Worship -	Will Hensel
Outreach and Mission -	
Kitchen -	Susan Hill
Finance -	Melodie Keener

**Dates and Times** of our 2021 Vestry meeting were set as the third Monday of each month at 6:30 P.M.

**Community Norms** were discussed. Vestry members were reminded to be respectful of others opinions. Fr. Brian stated that he wants us to meet in person as soon as everyone is comfortable doing so, hopefully within the next 6 months. Roberts Rule provides that we leave time for discussion once a first and second motion is made. Motions can be tabled, if necessary. All meetings are public, however no visitors are permitted in an executive session. Vestry Meeting Minutes are published on the church web site.

**Rector Presentation** (a) Fr. Brian stated his intent to re-call the Strategic Planning Committee so that they can re-evaluate and adapt plans in light of the pandemic. Julie Howell chairs the committee.

(b) An every member canvass is planned beginning in February and to be completed by Easter. Each vestry member will receive a list of 20 or so people to contact so that member information can be updated on the Breeze database. Members can also update their own info by downloading the Breeze app. Members will be requested to upload their photo. Jane Montgomery offered to assist those who aren't familiar with technology. Fr. Brian named Jane the chair for the every member canvass.

(c) From Generation to Generation – Fr. Brian recently returned from a retreat with a renewed interest in developing the 5.5 acres behind the community garden owned by St. Christopher Episcopal Church. Considering that our church is

situated at the center of three of the busiest roads in League City, Fr. Brian feels we should be called upon when the city needs to send a resident for housing, rent, bill assistance, or food insecurities. He would like to explore the best way to develop the 5.5 acres to serve the needs of our community. Could it be for medical needs? Food Bank? Job and employment center? Fr. Brian would like to form an exploratory committee consisting of grant writers, visionaries, and community leaders. After Vestry members discussed their opinions on the land development, it was agreed that we should not rush, but rather reflect on the project. All agreed that an exploratory committee was a good first step, and that the announcement to the congregation should be general, informing them that we are considering how to best use the 5.5 acres for the good of the community.

**Business Session** (a) Expense approval – Fr. Brian asked approval for some purchases already made. After discussing the purchases, Eric Zapp moved, seconded by Katie Gardner to approve the following: \$1600 for a new cast plaque from the Memorial Fund, \$2200 for sound equipment updates, and \$2400 for new LED parking lot lights out of the Building Fund. Vote: unanimous. (Vestry approved spending form attached). (b) Treasurer’s Report – Eric Zapp reported that we ended the year with a favorable budget, and we are in a great place. Pledges are down, but dollar amounts are up. We have a \$333,000 bank balance. Jane Montgomery moved, seconded by Melodie Keener to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Vote: unanimous. Fr. Brian recognized Eric and the finance committee for a great job.

Will Hensel closed the meeting in prayer. Our next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.