

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

VESTRY MINUTES

June 10, 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

Guests: Janeece Buckner, Pat Carle, and Elaine Gilligan [also the following for the Bishop's portion only: Bishop Martin Field, Rich Conn, Vaughn Scarcliff, Annie Scott, and Janet Woodward]

After a devotion, 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 items with the bishop. Items presented to the bishop were the health of the building, the vestry, and our ministry. Fr. David noted that we are keeping in contact with Pastor David George at All Saints Lutheran with regard to possible joint efforts in the future. The Diocese of West Missouri shares a building with the Central States Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the bishop would like to see Episcopal churches in the diocese share a more substantial relationship with Lutheran parishes in the diocese. Fr. David reported that about 30 parishioners showed up in person on Pentacost Sunday for the parking lot/field service, with another approximate 20 online. Our congregation has not grown substantially, but is healthy; several children are included in the attendance. Church of the Resurrection is one of 14 parishes in the Diocese (which has 47 parishes) with full-time priests. A discussion of the criteria that should be met to reconvene in-person service during the COVID-19 crisis and of the recent Black Lives Matter protests concluded this portion of the meeting.

The regular portion of the Vestry meeting was opened at 7:50 with acceptance of the previous meeting's minutes (SEE ATTACHED), as amended with regard to a motion on how to expense the recently purchased computer. NOTE: Jim Gilligan will send a note to Kelly Blankenship to explain the changes needed to the May minutes. Tess Garcia moved, and Gabe Conn seconded, that the minutes, as amended, be approved.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report - Jim Gilligan (SEE ATTACHED): The treasurer reported that the financial condition of the church is excellent, especially given the COVID-19 crisis. A year-to-date loss of approximately \$10,000 had been budgeted through May, but the church has an actual excess of receipts over expenses of \$1,263. Total receipts year-to-date have been \$73,000 as compared with a budget of \$65,000. Expenses are down because the cleaning staff is not needed while the church building is empty (savings of about \$1,500), the choir has not been used while in-person services are not being held (savings of about \$2,000), and utilities are also down as the building is generally closed (a large savings). Bill Stancil returned the \$200 honorarium sent to him during the pandemic for online meetings we were included in. Meanwhile, the Diocese is receiving the full apportionment. The parish has \$176,000 in cash; \$86,000 of this is restricted. General administrative expenses are up because a new computer was purchased. The finance committee is meeting weekly. An investment policy will be presented to the Vestry at the next meeting. A Stifel Nicolaus brokerage account has been established; it currently contains cash and donated Microsoft stock. The treasurer has applied for a church Menards credit card. The church has received a \$25,000 gift from the estate of Alva and Angela Hill; it has been placed in the Memorials restricted account, i.e., it does not flow through general income. John Biggs moved, and Tess Garcia seconded, a motion to approve the financial report; it was approved unanimously by voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: (SEE ATTACHED REPORTS) This was a consent meeting. Reports from Vestry liaisons were emailed to all Vestry members prior to the meeting. Below are items which emerged after the reports were completed.

Building & Grounds – Les Woodward: St. Mary’s Episcopal Church downtown has some installed playground equipment and rubber mulch that they are interested in removing. It would need fencing. They would like a donation of perhaps \$300-400 for the equipment. Several Vestry members will go look at the equipment and bring the issue back to the Vestry to make a decision.

Hospitality/Welcome – David Henson: The group is working on a plan for social distancing during coffee hour.

Pastoral Care – Gabe Conn: The Gardening Angels are looking for additional volunteers.

Outreach – Pat Carle for Jim Whitaker: BackSnacks have concluded for the school year and the cooking crew is creating meals for Uplift twice a week.

Education & Planning – Fr. David Lynch: Facebook broadcasts will continue. Average attendance on Facebook has been 60-70 people each Sunday.

Parish Life – Bill Carle: Nothing further to report.

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: A “back to church” committee will be established under the emergency planning committee to address and document all the issues which are needed to make the church ready to reopen its doors following COVID-19. Examples of issues to be addressed include timing, how to handle communion, how to handle singing, and whether a third service will be needed to allow for social distancing. Reopening will not be before July.

LEADERSHIP REPORTS: (SEE ATTACHED) This was a consent meeting. Reports were submitted to all Vestry members via email.

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

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

Rector - Fr. David Lynch: Nothing further to report.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Capital Campaign - Les Woodward: New Leaf Construction has addressed the questions about entrances. Prices will be finalized in a few weeks, hopefully by the next Vestry meeting. The price is expected to be around \$200,000, including a new lift. Lift prices are about \$39,900 for a glass enclosure around the cage and \$34,900 for a plexiglass enclosure. At this time, no discussions have occurred with the former parishioner who previously promised free labor to install the lift. Discussion of capital campaign timing will be started by the committee soon.

Corona Virus – Third service for restart?: Discussed under “Emergency Planning”.

Social Media Policy – Fr. David Lynch, Arla Witte-Simpson, Bill Carle, and Dr. Tess Garcia: There is a lot of redundancy in the initial draft and that will be addressed when the group meets soon.

Following a prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

NEXT VESTRY MEETING – July 8, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Carle for

Kelly Blankenship, Secretary