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**ATTENDEES:**

Present: Fr. Brian Cannady Jane Montgomery  
Katie Gardner Cheryl Tolbert Jim McCalla  
Elijah Taylor Will Hensel  
Greg Decker Lin Ashley

Fr. Brian opened the meeting with prayer. He announced that the office will be closed on Monday for Independence Day, as well as Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week due to his father's surgery.

**Minutes** – Minutes from the March meeting were emailed along with the April meeting minutes. Will motioned, seconded by Greg to approve the minutes of the April meeting. Vote: unanimous. Will motioned, seconded by Eli to approve the minutes of the March meeting. Vote: unanimous.

Katie reported that Revision 6 of the VPOD duties has been sent out. Updated copies are coming soon. It was suggested that the coffee be made at 8:45 instead of 7:45 A.M. as nobody wants coffee before the 8:00 service. It was also suggested to add which of the thermostats should be turned off in the winter months, the number of thermostats in the building, and to include a map to their locations.

**Junior Warden Report** – The new ice machine has been installed. Floors will be stripped and waxed in August.

**Membership and Fellowship Warden** – Jane continues to prepare and distribute the Vestry newsletter each month after the Vestry meeting.

**Worship Warden** – Fr. Brian and Eli have discussed bringing in a new contemporary worship leader the first of the year. Eli has begun to put out feelers for Nicole's replacement. She is resigning at the end of December.

**Strategic Planning Warden** – Fr. Brian reported for Julie that there has been more response to the recent congregational survey than the one 5 years ago. The congregation responses have been varied, and she's very pleased with the response. Surveys will be analyzed and used to formulate our strategic plan, and the 5.5-acre project will be rolled into it.

**Rector's Report** – Fr. Brian reported that our Stewardship Campaign will be in October. There are 5 Sundays in October this year. The first 4 will be traditional, and the 5<sup>th</sup> will be our In-gathering Sunday. At the beginning or end, we are going to do a Parish Swap with a rector in St. Petersburg, FL. Pledge cards will be collected on October 30<sup>th</sup>. The Vestry will be asked to be more involved in our Stewardship Campaign this year.

- Rally Day has been scheduled for August 21<sup>st</sup>. Rally Day is a "welcome back" after summer break. More info to come.
- Playground Campaign is at \$32,000+. We've been in communication with the company who is constructing the playground, and we will break ground in August. A special groundbreaking service involving MDO will be held, but a date has not yet been set. If for some reason we do not reach our \$50,000 goal, the Vestry can make up the difference and the donor will still double the amount.
- We are planning a fellowship in August with St. Augustine of Hippo in Galveston. More details as they become available.

- A St. Chris movie night is planned for late July. The Reluctant Convert will be viewed.
- The Associate Rector Search has turned up no prospects. The clergy shortage is very real. Fr. Brian stated he is ready to pivot and search for a lay person for Family Ministry and Outreach. He is disappointed, but not surprised.
- There has been no negative feedback on the contemporary service time change. Eli has heard only positive comments.
- The Faith Sharing Dinner will be held on Wednesday. Tables will be set up at the church instead of being held in people's homes. Only 3 families stepped up to host. Covid concerns also played a part in holding the event at church.
- The return of breakfast was well received. People were excited about it! Since the first Sunday in July is July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, we'll have donuts only for breakfast this month.
- The Anchor Turning Point dinner was great. Nine members of the church and members of Anchor Point attended the exploratory meeting held at Fr. Brian's home to discuss how we can support their services.
- We are replacing all white plastic tables and the 8 ft rectangle will be added to the 6 ft rectangle count. Greg priced the cost of 18 round tables and tablecloths and reported it would be approximately \$5,000. It isn't necessary for Vestry to act on this matter. Fr. Brian says our current tables are appalling, and he would like a firm price for next month's meeting. Greg will research and bring back the cost. Julie stated that the Yacht Club may be interested in purchasing the old tables.
- Nominations for the next Vestry members should be in place by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Nominations can be taken after the first of August. Katie is developing a class for those interested in serving on the Vestry titled, "So You Want to Be on the Vestry". The class will focus on the commitment and what is involved in being a Vestry member. She is targeting a date soon after Labor Day to conduct the class.
- Mary Alice has extended an invitation to folks to participate in a training for Prayer Teams at each service. Targeted date to have the teams put in place is late July or early August.

**Treasurer's Report** – Lin emailed the Treasurer's Report to Vestry Members prior to the meeting. She reviewed the report with the Vestry and stated that our numbers look very good. Will motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Greg seconded the motion. Vote: unanimous. The finance committee that works with Lin includes Greg, Eric Zapp, Fr. Brian, Melodee Keener, Katie Gardner and Carla Homer.

- Jonathan Blaker, from the Episcopal Diocese will present to the Vestry next month regarding the possible investment of a portion of our funds. We are not a for-profit organization. The funds we have are meant to be used and not remain stagnant in our accounts. Greg suggested that the meeting be held separately from our regular Vestry meeting. Fr. Brian will schedule the meeting.

There being no further business before the Vestry, Will closed us in prayer. Eli motioned, seconded by Jane to close the meeting. Vote; unanimous.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. in the church conference room.