



ATTENDEES:

Present: Fr. Brian Cannaday Jane Montgomery David Crouch
Katie Gardner Cheryl Tolbert Julie Howell
Kyle Farmer Lupe Carillo Elijah Taylor
Greg Decker Lin Ashley

Fr. Brian opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes – Lupe motioned, seconded by Kyle to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2022 Vestry meeting.

Vote: unanimous. Motion carried.

Junior Warden Report – David composed a list of projects to complete as follows:

- Steam table needs replaced. The old one is heavy and outdated.
- The ice machine needs replaced at a cost of \$900. This can be included in next year's budget.
- New handrails to the media room need installed. Alex can do it. PRIORITY!
- The spring work date has been moved to the fall.

Kitchen Warden – Kyle noted that coffee creamer, lemonade, and smaller coffee cups are getting low. Alyssa will order.

Membership and Fellowship Warden – Lupe and Jane got a list of members from Fr. Brian who no longer attend since COVID. Jane has started to make contacts to those on the list. Jane asked Vestry Members to let her know of anything they wanted included in the monthly newsletter.

Finance Warden – Greg reported that he, Melodie Keener and Lin Ashley make up the Finance Committee, and they meet regularly.

Worship Warden – Eli reported that the projector needs replaced.

Strategic Planning Warden – Julie reported that a fourth person has been identified for the Strategic Planning Committee and will be brought on board this week.

Rector's Report – Fr. Brian reported that Easter Sunday attendance was excellent. 75 attended the 8:00 service, which is the most ever. Easter Sunday total attendance was 265, which was about average for a pre-COVID Sunday (240).

- Father Mike Brady has agreed to celebrate our joint ministry at some point this summer. This will be an opportunity to do something special for both congregations.
- The color for the columbarium base has been selected.
- We are under contract with the playground company. We will receive a new quote with a new design that eliminates the fencing from the contract. A fencing company was \$30,000 cheaper.
- The second mobile classroom will be purchased next month. Then new tables and vestments will be requested.
- The growth group is stoked about the May 14th picnic. It will be catered and games for children and adults are planned.

- Meghan Update – Meghan has been looking for a new position for awhile that would utilize her degree. Her new job at NASA will better support her family. She has been grossly underpaid in her position at St. Chris. She has been working to hand off her responsibilities and the activities she plans during the year. Her leaving allows us to re-imagine the youth and family ministry at our church. A purse will be collected for Meghan before she leaves. She has been with us for 9 years.
- Fr. Brian requested 2 vestry members to join him in investigating the possibility of hiring a full-time associate priest instead of hiring a replacement for Meghan. The typical, reasonable starting salary would be that of a public school teacher. Why? The main reason is that we don't have a large number of children, youth or young families. We have no justification to fund another youth minister. Meaghan has 3 in youth group and 8 in Sunday School. The associate priest would oversee the youth and family ministry in addition to other clergy duties. Lupe and Katie volunteered to be a part of the advisory group.
- Update on Dennis – Fr. Brian reported that he had spoken to Dennis. He has not been contacted by anybody, and he expressed his confusion. The investigation has been turned over to the Harris Co. police dept., as that is where the incident allegedly occurred. We are currently paying \$1400/mo. for substitute musicians on top of Dennis' salary. This cannot continue. Fr. Brian has not received a response from the diocese, even though he has asked for their counsel. Bethany and Mary have been secured as pianists through the end of May. Prayers are most important for this situation.
- Breakfast will return June 5th. Fr. Brian will ask a ministry to host breakfast once per month. No donuts will be served on the Sundays in between – just coffee.
- VPOD Duties – There has been some confusion about the plate offering. The Altar Guild hasn't been told that it's the Vestry's responsibility to handle the offering. Fr. Brian will make it clear to the Altar Guild. The offering should be placed in an envelope and the amount of cash and the number of checks written down on the envelope. The VPOD and one other should then sign the envelope for every service. This means that the VPOD can no longer leave at the beginning of the contemporary service, as the offering for that service will need to be handled. Katie will finalize the VPOD draft to include these instructions.

Treasurer's Report – Lin emailed the Treasurer's Report to Vestry Members prior to the meeting. She reports we had a good month. YTD Income was \$161,000, which is \$16,000 over budget. Our YTD spending was \$127,000, which is \$18,000 below budget. Kyle motioned, seconded by Julie, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Vote; unanimous. Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Vestry, the meeting was closed in prayer by David.

Lupe motioned, seconded by Greg to adjourn. Vote: unanimous, motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 16th at 6:30 P.M. in the Church Conference Room.