



ATTENDEES:

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

Fr. Brian opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes – Jane motioned, seconded by David to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2022 Vestry meeting. Vote: unanimous. Motion carried.

Senior Warden Report – David suggested that a clean-up day be scheduled for May. The storage building needs torn down after another location is found to store the stage.

- The purchase of an automatic defibrillator was discussed at a cost of approximately \$2,000. The defibrillator should accommodate both children and adults. Training on the use of the equipment would cost around \$200.

Kitchen Warden Report – Kyle noted that the oven has a slight gas leak and may need cleaned. He’s assessing the need for a new steam table and what that would cost. The refrigerator and pantry look okay. The kitchen floor will be on the capital campaign when we renovate the kitchen.

Membership and Fellowship Warden – Jane is working on a Vestry Bulletin Board. She still needs Eli’s and Sonny’s pictures. She and Lupe would like a list of those that have stopped attending church since the pandemic so that they can be contacted. Fr. Brian will ask the staff to compile the list.

Finance Warden – Financials were sent out via email today. The Vestry needs to approve the financial reviews, and signatures of people who participated in the financial review are needed. Vestry members were asked to peruse the Financial Review to approve at the April meeting.

- Julie asked if policy and procedures on financial donations have been completed. The task has been on the “to-do” list, but there’s no plan of action. Greg will take it back to the sub-committee.

Worship Warden – Eli reports that people are talking about the new playground. He has also heard from the congregation that they are excited for the re-opening of the Welcome Center.

- Eli heard comments regarding the hymns sung during worship. Soothing, easier-to-follow hymns are often requested.
- There are no pens in the pews. Fr. Brian will address the issue.
- Welcome Center Re-dedication – Fr. Brian wants to do it right! Something more on a grand scale. Many people want breakfast and donuts back. Now isn’t the right time, but we will re-dedicate the Welcome Center in the near future.

Strategic Planning Warden – As of today, the Strategic Planning Committee consists of Fr. Brian, Julie Howell, and Greg Decker. One other member is needed to complete the committee. After Easter, the committee will begin work answering questions regarding our core values and what that looks like at 1, 3, and 5 years out.

Safety and Grounds – Sonny is checking into some issues and will have a report at the April meeting.

Rector's Report – Fr. Brian reported that our Average Sunday Attendance is up to 152, which is close to what it was when he arrived at St. Christopher 7 years ago. We're trending in the right direction. Attendance is based by how many communions are served. Meghan reports how many are in the nursery.

- Vestry Person of the Day – A new one-page document outlining the duties of the Vestry Person of the Day is being developed. Katie needs our suggestions and feedback.
- The necessity to re-key the church was due to a lost key by an employee of our cleaning company. The church will be reimbursed \$1400 by the company, and they've been placed on a 6-mo. probation. The person who lost the key is no longer permitted on our campus.
- Fellowship Events – Fr. Brian has scheduled a fellowship event each month through August as follows:
 - April 16th – Open House at the home of Fr. Brian and family
 - May – Church Picnic
 - June – Faith Dinners with 8-10 host families each to host 6-8 people
 - July – Parish Movie Night
 - August – Rally
- Newsletter – Alyssa is creating a more formal quarterly newsletter. The first edition will be published for Oct/Nov/Dec.

Treasurer's Report – Lin sent the Treasurer's Report to Vestry Members via email. She reports we had a good month and that Income was \$68,000 over budget. Our spending was under budget. Fr. Brian stated that we are good stewards of our funds, and we don't spend unnecessarily. After discussion, Greg motioned, seconded by Jane, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Vote; unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Safeguarding - Safeguarding is a course that is required by the Diocese to be taken by anybody that works with children or lay people that work with adults. (Vestry Members are no longer required to take the course). We're currently out of compliance. Fr. Brian requested that, beginning in April, an additional \$1,000 - \$1,500 per year be approved to be incorporated into Alyssa's salary as she will act as our Safeguarding Coordinator. Greg motioned, seconded by Jane, to approve the additional \$1,000-\$1,500 per year to Alyssa's salary beginning in April and incorporated into her 2023 salary for the purpose stated. Vote: unanimous. Motion carried. Alyssa will notify those who are required to take the course.

Outreach Committee – A new Outreach Committee is being created. We have \$104,000 in outreach funds, and we need to start doing the work and spending the money for our community.

Investments – Fr. Brian reported that our funds continue to grow. He suggests that we ask the Diocese for their advice. Jane is interested in accompanying Fr. Brian when he asks their opinion on investing our funds for the financial health of our church. Funds are sitting in a checking account at present. We would likely take money from each account and pool it for investment. There would be no management fees if we go to the Diocese. It's a starting point. No action is needed.

Eucharist – The Bishop has issued a decree that we should get back to using the common cup. It is our church's culture to instinct. Fr. Brian stated he doesn't think that culture will change much once we go back to the common cup. He asked the Vestry's blessing to begin using the common cup as an option on April 24th. He stated that receiving the wafer only or wine only is considered receiving full communion. Support was given by the Vestry, and a letter to the congregation will be drafted.

Welcome Center – Fr. Brian would like to return to serving breakfast in the Welcome Center the first Sunday in May. A full breakfast will be served on the first Sunday, and a light breakfast on subsequent Sundays in the month. The Vestry blessed the breakfast plan.

Mobile Classroom – The current mobile classroom consisting of a TV on a portable cart is being used in the parish hall and is working great. However, the mobile classroom is now being transported between the parish hall and administrative wing for use in both locations. Fr. Brian is requesting \$2,000-\$2,500 from the Memorial Fund to purchase a second mobile classroom. Julie motioned, seconded by Lupe to withdraw the \$2,000-\$2,500 from the Memorial Fund to purchase the second mobile classroom. Vote: unanimous. Motion carried.

New Playground Equipment – We have received a substantial gift to construct a new playground. Three bids have been received. New playground equipment, fencing, and awning will cost \$85,000. We need \$18,965 to secure the price of the project. It will be fully funded by the donor. The congregation will be asked for funds to revitalize the old playground area. The donor will match congregation donations \$2 for every \$1 given up to \$50,000. Turnaround to construct the new playground is 3-4 months. The Vestry agreed that it was also appropriate to ask MDO parents to donate, as their children are the primary users of the playground. The vision for the old playground is to level the area to route water away from the building and install new landscaping. A labyrinth and prayer garden are being considered based on how much money is raised. Julie motioned that the Vestry approve the creation of a matching fund campaign to build a new playground and other campus improvements. Vote: unanimous. Motion carried.

Fr. Brian closed us in prayer.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 18th at 6:30 at Fr. Brian's home.