



ATTENDEES:

<u>Present:</u>	Fr. Brian Cannaday	Jim McCalla	David Crouch (remote)	<u>Absent:</u>	Lupe Carillo
	Katie Gardner	Cheryl Tolbert	Jane Montgomery		Elijah Taylor
	Will Hensel	Julie Howell			
	Greg Decker	Lin Ashley (remote)			

Fr. Brian opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes – Minutes from the August meeting were emailed for review. Greg moved, seconded by Julie to approve the minutes. Vote: unanimous.

Senior Warden – Katie reported that 3 people attended the class on Vestry Duties and Responsibilities on September 25th. Handouts from the class were distributed to adult Sunday School classes in progress. Katie asked the Vestry to let her know of any changes that needed to be made to the handouts. Father Brian stated that the class was a huge win.

- Sonny Morrison has officially resigned from the Vestry.

Junior Warden – The purchase of a new steam table for the kitchen and other kitchen issues have been tabled until next year. David asked if it's possible to stream both the traditional and contemporary services simultaneously. The answer is yes.

Membership and Fellowship Warden – Jane reported that attendance has been good at church services and all events in the past month. She is working with both Fr. Brian and Mtr. Viktoria on future events. She suggested sending personal invitations to new people (new church members who attend). Eleven visitor cards were completed in the last 2 Sundays.

Finance Warden – Greg discussed the procedure for handling gifted stock. He recommended that stocks be automatically converted to cash. Greg moved, seconded by Will to approve the conversion of future gifted stock to cash immediately after it is received. Vote: unanimous.

Worship Warden – Will reported that he feels the Fr. Brian and Mtr. Viktoria 2-week alternating services model is a good one. Music issues are working out, and generally things are in good shape.

Strategic Planning – Julie stated that the committee is taking time to let Mtr. Viktoria get settled into her new role. She reported that the Average Sunday Attendance is 146, up from 111 last year at this time. That number doesn't count online worshippers.

Chancellor's Report – Jim reported that the Boy Scouts are close to settling their issues. St. Christopher is not affected.

Safety and Grounds – 20 new bushes have been planted on our campus. Some were planted in the new playground area. Maintaining the courtyard is a priority.

Treasurer's Report – Lin emailed the Treasurer's Report to Vestry Members prior to the meeting. YTD income is \$445,000 and expenses are \$336,000. Our finances look very good. The budget for 2023 will be ready in October. It is expected to be approved by the Vestry in November. Katie moved, seconded by Will to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Vote: unanimous.

Rector's Report – Fr. Brian recognized the fantastic celebration with St. Augustine. A Diocesan story will be written on the event and the circumstances that led up to the celebration.

- Mtr. Viktoria has begun working on family ministry projects at a rapid and organized pace.
- Adult formation will offer 2 classes; one with Stuart Baker and one with Fr. Brian. There will be a 2 week break after Thanksgiving, then an advent class will be offered. Mtr. Viktoria will teach a class in the winter.
- A drive-thru pet blessing will take place this Sunday.
- Budget requests have gone out.
A new organist and choir master search will begin in October. Our interim, Mary Box, will be given the opportunity to apply.
- It has been announced that our contemporary worship leader, Nicole, is moving on at the first of the year.
- Fr. Brian has been unable to reach Jonathan Blecker from the Diocese to set a date for him to talk with us about investments.
- The playground construction has been pushed back into October. Hopefully groundbreaking will occur next month.
- Fr. Brian will be at a Clergy Conference for the October Vestry meeting. The October 24th meeting will be via Zoom.
- October 30th is our in-gathering service. There will be one service that Sunday at 10:30. After the in-gathering Sunday, Fr. Brian will be at Sewanee for a week.
- On the week of October 3rd, pledge cards and a letter from the Vestry will go out. Fr. Brian asked members of the Vestry to draft the letter. Samples of previous letters are available for review. Katie and Jim volunteered to draft the letter. No signatures will be required. October 9, 16, 23 and 30 are stewardship Sundays. Stewardship is the responsibility of the Vestry. As such, two or three Vestry members are needed to give testimonies on October 9, 16 and 23. The subject of the testimonies should be how the generous gifts of the church allow God's work to be done. Fr. Brian will give guidance to those Vestry members who give testimonies, which will take place after the announcements on the stated Sundays.
- The parking lot company originally chosen to resurface our side lot is out. Dan found a more reputable company, and he is scheduled to begin the work a week from Wednesday. The cost has gone from \$7200 to \$9000. We need approval to spend the additional \$1800 to do the project. Greg moved, seconded by Julie to increase the parking lot budget by \$1800 to a total of \$9000. The money will be taken from the building repair fund. Vote: unanimous.
- The same company who is working on the side parking lot has been asked for a bid for asphalt for the big parking lot. The asphalt, leveling and striping bid is \$65,000. Fr. Brian will give the bid to the Finance Committee to decide which account is appropriate for this expense. One-third of our parking lot becomes useless when it rains. The other option would be to do the lot in concrete at a cost of approximately \$200,000. We will have excess funds available at yearend for the third year in a row. Fr. Brian asked the Vestry to consider parking lot repairs. New siding is needed on Buckner Hall. A capital campaign may be considered for these and other large-ticket repairs.
- We need willing volunteers to fill the 4 spots on the Vestry that are being vacated by the Class of 2020. Several names were discussed. A slate of candidates will be completed by our next meeting.

There being no further business before the Vestry, Will closed us in prayer. Will moved, seconded by Jim to adjourn. Vote: unanimous.

Our next meeting will take place on October 24th at 6:30 P.M. via Zoom.