

Vestry Meeting August 22, 2021 @ 12:15 pm - in person at St. John's

July Meeting was canceled - there are no meeting minutes for July 2021

In attendance: Nancy Emmel Gunn, John Eads, Liam Clements, Margarita Tschomakoff, Ann Balsamo, Jeff McIntire-Strasburg, Anna Hall, & Ann Quay Rushing, Reverend Michael Dunnington, Steve Hoepflinger

Absent: Brent Brower-Toland (Ann Balsamo will fill in Brent on what he missed)

Opening Prayer, Nancy Emmel Gunn

Declaration of a Quorum - John Eads

Appreciations - Anna Hall will mail out letters to those mentioned.

Accept minutes from June: John Eads motions, Jeff M-S seconds; Steve was absent from June meeting, so abstained from the vote, otherwise all accept unanimously

Budget Discussions and Update - John Eads

- Proposed 2022 budget was sent to the diocese
 - The same amount of money was requested from the diocese again after an unprecedented and difficult year. Pledges are down, which is something we need to attend to in finalizing our budget for the year to come.
 - Fundraiser (\$5000) is a line item - discussed what that could look like in reality in the last quarter of the year since the Bush Stadium fundraiser was taken off the table (for good reason with insurance expectations, the insurance broker said "no" to indemnifying the stadium); Regardless, it is not okay to walk away from the hard stuff - an idea to do a November Bingo trivia night for the church
- Bookkeeper Update
 - There has been a lot of interest from the posting, but not a good fit (in terms of hours/availability/expectations). Jim Kearn has agreed to stay on in a limited capacity to train Bob Emmert on Quickbooks, how to write reports, review checks, etc.
 - The Vestry went into an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Building and Grounds

- The building assessment was completed by Bob Emmert and Rodney Malone
- The two new office rental spaces have signed leases for \$300/month each. One is a funeral consultant and the other a counselor. There is a fire code issue for the downstairs Welcome Neighbor space, so we cannot renew the lease moving forward. We are now at capacity with rentals. There was a concern with the apartment tenant only being able to pay half/needing a new roommate. Margarita will follow up with Rodney in Building and Grounds to confirm that all has settled with that space.

Streaming Services and Sound System - Ann Quay

- There is a request to purchase a tablet (Samsung Galaxy) to access the admin login to the Facebook page for streaming. Streaming offerings have transitioned from zoom to

Facebook now. Parishioner has offered to purchase the tablet for reimbursement and get it set up for use at the church. This will be reimbursed through the \$2000 grant for streaming tech needs through the diocese. We had 33 people log in to the streaming and 76 people last week. If we plan to offer a live stream long term, we have a need for a sound board.

- Ann Balsamo offered to reach out to a friend of hers about sound resources. We can offer to pay for a consulting fee. This person could provide some insight into what kind of equipment would be useful to us.
- Ann Quay can confirm with Janis in the Bishop's office about the grant timeline.

Senior Warden's Report - John Eads

- Divine Purpose Statement Workshop
 - Discussed November 6 via zoom from 9-12
 - Scheduled November Vestry meeting for Monday, November 15 from 6-7:30

Loose Ends

- **October 24** chosen for St. John's Homecoming Picnic Date at Tower Grove Park
- Anna Hall will attend the Executive meeting on September 16, 2021.
- Next Vestry Meeting on Sunday, September 19 at 12:15 pm.