

Vestry Meeting October 17, 2021 @ 12:15 pm - in person at St. John's

In attendance: John Eads, Liam Clements, Margarita Tschomakoff, Ann Balsamo, Jeff McIntire-Strasburg, Anna Hall, & Ann Quay Rushing, Brent Brower-Toland, Steve Hoeplinger, Rev Nancy Emmel Gunn

Opening Prayer, Rev Nancy Emmel Gunn

Declaration of a Quorum - John Eads

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

Accept minutes from September: John motions to accept, Jeff seconds, unanimous yes; one abstained who wasn't at the September meeting

Budget Discussions and Update - John Eads

- Review of budget looking into stewardship season. Finance committee will meet after the stewardship season to discuss formation of the upcoming year's budget. We will finish the year in the black.

Diocese Requiem and Renaissance project - Nancy/John

- This is an 18 month commitment from each parish that receives funding from the diocese. 2 Vestry members and 3 non vestry people need to be on the committee. Meet 1 Saturday quarterly and some meetings at St. John's between the quarterly meetings.
 - What makes church sustainable, discernment period
 - Who would miss us if we weren't here?
- The team is still being developed - how do we present this to the congregation? Let's connect it with the stewardship announcement. The message should come from John Eads.
- Some concerns from the group:
 - The title of the project being "requiem"
 - Equity indicators - needed ministries in the diocese may not mean they are the most financially stable
 - This project is leaving out other financially stable parishes - why wouldn't they also be a part of a conversation about sustainability?

Building and Grounds

- Rodney offers a proposal to offer decreased rent to apartment tenants from \$1000 to \$800 month for a shortened 6 month lease. The tenant is in need of a lower rent to accommodate her brother moving in with her.
- John motions to accept the 6 month proposal from Rodney to \$800/month for 6 months. Brent seconds, unanimous acceptance.
- We also need to make sure we are looking at our rental spaces not as charity spaces, but as income toward our ministries.

Stewardship

- Ann, Hannah, Gina, John, and Nancy make up the Stewardship committee. They will meet at 6:00 pm
 - Breaking down budget into four categories
 - Bob has been asked to provide budget update write up
 - End of year should be \$4k in the black

Loose Ends

- Look into (re)renting - asking rent from Good Neighbor - there **are** two exits, need paperwork from the city indicating it is safe to rent. Ask them to begin paying rent again.
 - Can we collaborate with Welcome Neighbor for a fundraiser event next year?
- Ann Balsamo will attend the Executive meeting on November 10, 2021.
- Next Vestry Meeting on Monday, November 15 at 6 pm via Zoom