

Vestry Meeting September 19, 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, Reverend Michael Dunnington, Brent Brower-Toland

Absent: Steve Hoeplinger, Nancy Emmel Gunn (Liam will fill in those that were absent)

Opening Prayer, Rev Michael Dunnington

Declaration of a Quorum - John Eads

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

- Tracy has suggested getting a plaque with Bryan Cather's name for the organ, to honor his donation to have the organ moved to St. John's as well as his commitment to music and ministry in our parish.

Accept minutes from June: After the mention of a couple grammatical edits (that have been updated), Jeff motions, John seconds; all accept unanimously

Budget Discussions and Update - John Eads

- Update -
 - Bob is liking the new role that includes managing the books
 - Pledges continue to be down, while expenses (due to clergy costs) continue to be down
 - We will end the year in the black
- Fundraiser
 - A fundraiser was included as a line item for \$5k this year - challenges of reopening, continued COVID concerns, and lack of un-person gatherings have made the planning of a fundraiser difficult. Can this happen this year?
 - What if we did a Trivia night? Low overhead and can use our own space, though this uses our current pool of donors
 - In-kind donations for a raffle basket?
 - Could we incorporate some fundraising ideas WITH the Homecoming picnic?

Deaconess Anne House

- Sponsoring Parish Vote
 - Cost - \$5 per each person of ASA, hosting
 - John moves to be a hosting parish and partnership, Jeff seconds and the vote is unanimous
 - Will discuss with Nancy to choose a date for their visit

Stewardship

- Identifying language around the stewardship season - borrowing Calvary's breakdown of a budget: Worship, Christian Formation, Mission/Outreach, Pastoral Care. These themes

could serve as weekly themes for speakers. Speakers could share short presentations at different parts of the service. The committee can identify speakers.

- Who might serve on a Stewardship Committee? Some parishioner names were mentioned to reach out to
- Record messages and put on the website, insert in Eblast
- October 13 - November 21

Homecoming Picnic

- Picnic site has been reserved
- Anna will reach out to a few people that have said they're willing to help plan
- Discussion of food - not to do a potluck style, but discern what kind of catering to provide - bagged chips, beverages, dessert

Building and Grounds

- Confirmation with Rodney that the Building Evaluation is completed and has been submitted to the diocese. Bob was a big help in getting that completed.
- Gary continues to do work around the church and submits his hours.

Loose Ends

- We need to have Steve Young taken off of the church's signatory for Commerce Bank. Junior Warden, Margarita, agreed to step in as the third signatory.
- Bill, friend of Balsamos, came to the church to consult about speaker, sound, and tech needs for continued streaming. He suggested focusing on speakers to install in the rafters. Speakers and installation could be between \$3k-\$5k. Ann Quay will work with Keith and John Richards to secure some quotes for this project. There have been continued issues with Wifi Cables - a new cable will need to be secured.
- Ann Balsamo will attend the Executive meeting on October 13, 2021.
- Next Vestry Meeting on Sunday, October 17 at 12:15 pm.