

CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY MINUTES
July 19, 2021

Members Present: Blake Hadley (Senior Warden), Chuck Whitaker (Junior Warden), Lee Hooie (Treasurer), Jane Reed, Chuck Crossan, Susan Knowles, Linda Baril, Barbara Boyce, Bob Rupe

ZOOM Members:

Members Absent: Fr. Robert, Chuck Angulo, Jennifer Miller, Paul Sharff, Kadeen Sewell

Clergy Present:

Staff Present: Kim Kalaman

The vestry meeting was held in the Parlor. Bob Rupe opened the meeting with prayer at 6:14pm. Blake asked everyone to reflect on the Gospel Mark 6:30-34, 53-56. Blake said ask yourself, what does this say to us about God's consequence? Blake pointed out that leadership can be overwhelming. How can God guide us? When reading we find that we are also taught through Jesus' example about leading with compassion.

Priest's Report:

No priest reports

Senior Warden:

Vestry Handbook: Blake gave a brief overview of Chapter 4 Building and Grounds. He pointed out besides the grounds upkeep there should be an inventory of the grounds. This not only helps the grounds committee meet goals but other committees such as financial can budget for projects and the stewardship committee can communicate needs of the church during pledge campaigns. The inventory should be shared with the vestry for questions and suggestions.

Convention- Blake stated that this year's delegates would be himself, Chuck Whitaker, Lee Hooie and Jennifer Miller as the alternate. The Convention date is Saturday, October 16th. On September 8th there will be a Deanery Convocation at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, October 15th will be a worship service at Church of the Redeemer and Saturday, October 16th the Convention will take place online. Lee Hooie, treasurer, stated that she has attended the Convocations and they are very important and useful.

Junior Warden:

Scaffolding- Junior Warden Chuck Whitaker stated that the scaffolding would be moving to the altar to finish cleaning and replacing lights. He said it would be up through September before everything is completed. As well as cleaning the mildew they are dusting the stain glass windows. Linda Baril commented that she just loves the look of the lights over the Altar now.

Sink- Chuck said that the sink was able to be fixed. Wyman came out twice and was unable to unclog the sink. They were to return. but in the meantime, Carlos who was working on the roof was able to get a 50ft. snake down the drain and unclog it for us at no charge.

Roof- Chuck stated that the roof repair was complete.

Quotes – Chuck announced that they had begun to get quotes on some maintenance care/ upkeep. These quotes all came from one company, A.G.G. restoration specialist. The Bronze angels in the columbarium have a green residue and an L on the wall has deteriorated. They will clean and repair the L for \$750.00 This company gave a quote of \$7,740.00 to disassemble, sandblast, powder coat and reassemble gates, and a quote of 23,720.00 for 80ft. handrail and installation.

Elevator- The elevator inspector came by and said the elevator needed to be updated by 2023. We can do this by putting a new circuit board and control module in for \$8,000 - \$12,000.

Lights- Chuck Crossan continues to repair lighting. He is working in the sacristy, equipment room, chapel, and restrooms in church.

Commission Reports:

Outreach Commission- The Outreach committee meets the 1st Monday of each month. An overview of the meeting was passed out. Projects/ Events that were discussed were a van for the thrift shop, having a silent auction at the church picnic and a Valentine's Day dinner.

The commission talked of having a slogan "Let us help you down-size" and offering pickup for large items to be donated. As of now Norman and Cathy Hinton offer their van and service to pick up. They have a new van, and it is already showing wear and tear from their pick-ups. Things that would need to be looked at are cost of and securing insurance, approving designated drivers, and raising money for the truck. Bob Rupe suggested why not getting a rental truck when needed. You can get from Home Depot or other companies. He said then you would not have to worry about liability, repairs and other issues that may arise. Jane Reed inquired who would they get to drive and would they have people driving who are also able to load heavy items. Lee Hooie that both the Outreach committee and thrift shop have quite a bit of money in their accounts. Chuck Crossan asked if they got a van would it be able to also be used for transportation on Sundays? Blake said that also would be something to discuss and find out insurance information on. Blake said he asked his boss at Sarasota Ford if he could run numbers with the best discount possible and is waiting to hear.

The commission discussed helping with the All -Saints' Day Church picnic. They would like to have a silent auction again at the picnic like we have had in the past. The Outreach commission would oversee this part of the picnic. Barbara Boyce asked why not just have the auction at the Yacht Club. Blake said that it was a lot of manpower and time, and the result was not profitable. Barbara said she felt many people would be upset. Barbara felt that the last auction made more money than the past. Blake said that the amount of money made was not worth all the time and effort. Blake said we are dispensing with the old and starting with fresh new ideas.

The Valentine Dinner is one of those new ideas. The commission is talking of having it in the Parish Hall. Possibly having tables that you can reserve. One thing they would like to do is invite all new members.

Ambassador Commission- Blake stated that the main goal of this commission is to make this a Welcoming and inviting Church. He asked Jane Reed who is on the committee to speak. Jane spoke of her visit to Church of the Redeemer. She stated that as with Redeemer many churches feel that they are very inviting but, there are things a newcomer may see or perceive that may not make them feel welcomed. She gave an example of six people handing out beautiful bulletins at Redeemer, yet not one of them spoke to her. She pointed out that their signage around the campus was helpful, concise, and aesthetically pleasing. Jane then talked about a book that Blake has gotten the commission. It is called Becoming a Welcoming Church by Thom S. Rainer. This book addresses how to make visitors feel welcome, taking inventory of the grounds, and how to make your visitors feel comfortable during worship. Blake said the book is like a toolbox. He said he has given one to Jeff Kalamian so that the Ushers and Ambassadors can work together. Blake said we all should have our eyes open, reach out and share in a genuine way.

Treasurer's Report:

Monthly report- Lee Hooie announced that the audit was complete, and all looked to be in place. She presented the June 2021 Summary and Treasurer's report. See attached. Jane Reed said she has been on the vestry many years and that this report looked good. She said it is so crucial that this vestry has been up front with the money.

Susan Knowles moved to accept the treasurer's report. Bob Rupe second the motion. The motion was passed.

New Business-

No new business to discuss.

Old Business-

Parish Directory- Susan Knowles said she will get with Kim and work on Google and the data with Kim. They need to see if there is a way that the comments can go with the name of who commented. Blake said this is a work in progress. He said it needs to be done right so that in the future it can just be built upon.

Approval of Minutes: Jane Reed made a motion to accept the June 21,2021 minutes. Chuck Whitaker second the motion. The June 21,2021 minutes were approved.

Adjournment: Blake said everyone's homework was to read chapter 5 in the Vestry Handbook on insurance. Blake Hadley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lee Hooie second the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was closed with prayer by Chuck Crossan at 7:30pm. The next Vestry Meeting will be held Monday, August 16,2021 in the Parlor.



Senior Warden



Date

