

Minutes of Vestry Meeting August 26, 2019

Present at the meeting: Rosi Sweeney, Carl Adams, Donna Alvarez, Joanne Comstock, Chuck Cash, Joel Hemphill, Kiska Williams, Mark McCarthy, Sue Carroll.

The new Rector start date is September 1, 2019. The Fall season Kick-Off is September 8, 2019. The Vestry half day retreat is September 21, 2019.

Sue Carroll volunteered to keep time. Carl Adams will do the meeting evaluation. Sue Carroll will do the opening prayer at the next meeting. Joanne Comstock did the opening prayer. The Agenda was approved. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with two corrections to be added by Donna Alvarez. (Joanne volunteers to be an LEM, and Rosi, along with Sue and Carl will head up the Fall Giving Campaign.) Carl led a discussion of Luke 6: 27-38.

Rector Transition: John Wyss has sent out talking points and materials on transition to committee members. The first meeting will be on August 29, 2019. The Wardens say that Patty wants a regular coffee hour on September 1. She expresses a desire to meet a broad group of parishioners in the future. Mark McCarthy would like Patty to come to the September Justice Committee meeting. Rosi suggests cocktail parties in homes, and others suggest parties here in the parish hall also. Carl will send out a sign up list for Vestry members to greet the Rector each Sunday, make the coffee, be a welcoming presence and lock up. As to the September 8 Kick-Off, no one volunteered to head this effort, that is, the brunch. It was agreed to make phone calls to people who have come to St. Dunstan's recently, and many volunteered. Rosi said she would make an email list assigning phone contacts to each volunteer.

Agenda for half day Vestry retreat with Patty on Sept. 21: Staffing of the youth program, the music program and the stewardship fundraiser are on the agenda. Rosi suggests there be a block of time to hear from Patty. Chuck will be out of town but will speak to Patty about the website and video when he returns. Whether we will need another Vestry meeting other than the retreat for September is under discussion. Sue suggests that it is Patty's call to decide whether to hold another meeting. Joel suggests that team building will be a way for Patty to get to know us.

Fall Annual Giving Campaign Status: Carl, Sue and Rosi will be heading this up. Rosi suggests we need someone willing to host an in-home thank you party for the Major Donors Reception. Rosi suggests that the chosen diocese theme of Planting Seeds is good for us. We will ask Joey to create a musical theme.

Buildings and Grounds: The repair of the ice machine and lighting in the Ladies' Room are needs now. Chuck says we need a committee to oversee buildings and grounds, not just Joel and Kim. Joel will investigate the ice machine and ballast needed for the Ladies' Room light. Maybe an electrician will have to be called. Chuck reminds us that it is time to call the gutter cleaner, and Carl will try to look up the terms of the maintenance contract.

Thanking Kim for overseeing kitchen repair and redecorating: Donna notes that Kim is not sure that her choices have gone over well. It was moved by Rosi that the vestry chip in \$10 each for a gift card to a restaurant as a thank you to Kim. The motion was seconded and carried. Rosi will get the card. Carl will write Kim a letter of appreciation.

Octoberfest: There was a discussion as to whether we have the man power to organize this celebration. Many thought it was a great community outreach project as well as being good fun. The project is dependent on the willingness of the Douglas family to do the haunted house. October 19th was suggested as a date, but no one volunteered to head it up.

Treasurer's Report: Cliff White sent a report in his absence. The report is generally favorable. We did sell a columbarium spot to a family outside the church. Carl decided to allow this as a compassionate gesture because the people are close by in the neighborhood and their child died at a young age. A question was asked as to whether the expensive chimney work on the Rectory was started.

Donna noted that on Sunday the 24th Robin (last name unknown) attended church and coffee hour with her husband, Mike. She is the potential seminarian that Patty recommends.

Sue's Reminder: Jessica Ault has been accepted for the Deacon's program. We would pay \$200-\$300 per quarter if we decide to support her. She would take one year of on-line classes and have one year in a congregation—not ours. This matter was left undecided.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Alvarez