

Vestry Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2020
Via Zoom

Vestry Members Present: Kim Kitterman, James Aldinger, Lisa Buckner, Madge Deacon, Bailey Fountain, Will Hayley, Kathryn Jasper, Nancy Manire, John Owen, Heidi Rupke, Edwin Thorp, Laura Trott, John Webb, Anna Kathryn Word

Vestry Member Absent: Ginny Strubing

Clergy Present: Scott Walters, Amber Carswell, and Paul McLain

Others Present: Julie Bethell, Steve Smith, Tony Graves

Call to Order: Scott Walters called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Heidi Rupke opened with prayer.

Approval of Minutes:

May Vestry Meeting minutes were approved, with Madge Deacon making the motion and Edwin Thorp seconding.

Financial Report: Steve Smith/Tony Graves

Balance Sheet and Revenue and Expenses Report Summary are both posted on Basecamp.

Tony Graves reported that May is tracking nicely with our new methodology. Income from pledges and gifts is tracking closely with what was budgeted for the month, as are expenses. We agreed to another monthly adjustment for June parking lot income; due to decreased parking as a result of COVID-19, we agreed to accept the parking lot revenue as our monthly payment for June. We will be using all of our PPP money for payroll. Our PPP money is not shown as income, so income is not artificially inflated. Tony credited our online worship presence with keeping people engaged and connected. Regarding the endowment, the rebalancing of our portfolio (4 phases in the 4 quarters of 2020) is on schedule; we might speed up the rebalancing if it makes sense given the market.

Steve Smith reported the parking lot has been full this week, so hopefully July parking income will be back to normal. We received an old pledge. June giving is good so far.

Scott Walters added that we have invested in technical infrastructure for livestreaming and we plan to purchase more equipment. We have cut expenses by closing parts of the church that are not currently used. Scott also noted that if we are still in a good place at end of year, we will look to use our PPP money in a faithful way. We are blessed to be in this financial position.

The Financial Report was approved by the Vestry, with Kim Kitterman making the motion and Nancy Manire seconding.

Reopening Plans – Scott Walters

On our first Sunday service open to worshippers, ushers came and were trained. The following Sunday, 38 people signed up (plus ushers) to come to the Sunday service. We don't see a need right now to add a service, but we will keep watching. Livestreaming of Sunday services has averaged 406 viewings in the last 6 weeks. Morning Prayer and evening Compline almost always have over 40 viewers. Some new people, along with some people we haven't seen at church in a while, are viewing the livestreamed services.

Some vestry members discussed the fact that now that worshippers are in the church, the clergy and choir members are wearing masks. Some people mentioned it seemed odd, but our Task Force thinks the masks are important. Heidi mentioned that the sermons have been wonderful.

We are now holding Noonday Prayer on a daily basis. Doors open at 11:45 am and are closed at noon as the service starts. Children are welcome.

Calvary Place has reopened. Reopening was smooth.

Scott noted that Paul McLain has a Lenten Preaching Series interview with David Waters online.

The clergy are starting a new blog series.

Visioning Workshop Follow up - Kim Kitterman

Tonight we followed up on the green space visioning. Imagining Calvary in 10 years – what might the areas around Calvary look like? We want to continue thinking about our plans, even though we have put the Master Plan on hold for now.

We broke into small groups online to answer 3 questions regarding the green space visioning that was reviewed for us: what is the most compelling? what needs more clarity/detail? what are we missing/forgetting?

When groups reconvened, they reported their discussions:

Room 1: Ideas for the northeast corner are the most compelling, even more so with recent events. Would love to move forward – would highlight Calvary's commitment. Would love to see architect's ideas. That corner needs to make a statement and be a welcoming place to sit. We can do that project now. Also, when the HUB moves out, change the

front of the HUB building and make it welcoming. Turn some of the parking spots near it into some green space.

Room 2: Most compelling: the labyrinth (meaningful, easy, used the most), community block parties, and “life outside the building.” Needs clarity: small building with restrooms, picnic tables/seating (numbers and location), and creating new outside traditions. Missing: windows to serve from kitchen, and an area with electricity options for musicians and outdoor services.

Room 3: Northeast corner most compelling; 2 courtyards, pollinator plants. Painting parking spaces can be used as social distancing tools. What can we do now that won’t need to be torn up later? John Webb knows someone who will donate an outdoor stone altar.

Room 4: Most compelling: outdoor services; bringing together downtown churches/strengthening community; block parties – welcome in a non-intimidating way; northeast corner – a place of thoughtful reflection.

Room 5: Most compelling: labyrinth close to the northeast corner. Start planting in pots now; fewer cars, since people will be working from home more - bulldoze whole parking lot; be prepared for increased homeless population due to evictions related to COVID-19.

Adjournment: Scott Walters

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Bethell, Clerk