

## VESTRY MEETING Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### I. Prayer- Fr. Peter Johnston

### II. Confirm Quorum & Secretary; Approve Minutes and adopt Agenda –

- A. Attendees present: Fr. Johnston, Bill Cober, Dave Buckless, John Guillory, Sam Hawkins, David Brammer, Scott Comeaux.
- B. Secretary- John Guillory agreed to continue as acting secretary.
- C. Approve Minutes & Adopt Agenda - Minutes of the October 14<sup>th</sup> minute were presented and approved with changes. A motion to approve previous minutes and accept the agenda was made by Bill Cober and 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Guillory. Motioned carried without objection.

### III. Reports

- A. Treasurers Report – Scott Comeaux informed the vestry that the budget is where it was expected to be year to date. It was stated that the surplus's from previous years is being used up and that we will soon be operating on monthly budget. A deficit of \$13,000 is now projected for the year, which is half of the budgeted deficit. A finance committee meeting will be held Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> to determine expected revenue from pledges and finalize the budget, John motioned that the year to date budget be accepted as submitted, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Brammer. Motion approved without objection.
- B. Rectors Warden Report – Bill Cober motioned to accept the By Law changes presented at the Oct 14<sup>th</sup> Vestry Meeting. A copy was presented to the vestry. Dave Buckless 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion was approved without objection.
- C. Peoples Warden Report- Dave Buckless informed the vestry that the quote for the work to remove the wall between 2 classrooms would be approximately \$4500. Work on the Family Center door lock was performed to correct a problem determined to be caused by using an

allen wrench on the door when it was not necessary to do so. The cost was \$115.00

D. **Out Reach & Care Guild**

Sam Hawkins reported

1. There are 8 people delivering Meals on Wheels
2. 23 Shoeboxes for the Homeless were delivered
3. We are planning a Christmas Party to have children present gifts from Gifting Grace to Santa for needy children.
4. Out Reach provided transportation and funds for Drs appointment for Lisa Fruge.

- E. **Rectors Report** – A report was presented from Fr. Peter outlining attendance for various Sundays, Programming and Membership programs and Sacraments. We had 25 visitors this fall, 10 new members and 5 possible baptisms. (see agenda) John Guillory asked if we could expand on this with a quarterly report which includes visitations, hospital visits, consultations, guild meetings, sermons, meetings etc. We might also consider reviews of the rector and the vestry on a regular basis to see where we can improve and be accountable to each other. We will revisit in the future.

IV. **Old Business-**

**Deck-** Dave Buckless reported that the remainder of the work for the deck is awaiting on a decision how to move forward. The balance in the fund would allow us to build an 8ft fence on the west side and allow for seating around the tree. After discussion John Guillory motioned for us to move forward with construction to do this, seconded by Sam Hawkins. Motion was approved without objection.

**Sanctuary Expansion Committee-** (Postponed until the new Year)

**Sanctuary Amplification-** (To be Announced)

V. **New Business-**

**Mediation Update**

Bill Cober requested that we go into executive Session so that the vestry could be brought up to date on mediation between Bishop Clark and Fr. Peter. A motion to go into Executive session was made

by John Guillory and seconded by David Brammer. The motion was approved with 4 in favor and Dave Buckless & Sam Hawkins voted against.

The motion was approved.

**VI.        Special Session**

**VII.       Announcements- See Agenda**

**VIII.      Closing Prayer - Peter Johnston**