

St. James Vestry
Meeting Minutes
July 2022

Present: Chuck Rogers, Josh Ilgen, Marilyn Hastings, Drew Beck, Bill Kilgour, Phil Tatem, Barbara Bateman

On Zoom: Marc Wezner, Peggy Schiavo Spinozzi

Absent: Iva Ferrell, Sarah Deacle,, Francois Springuel, Fr. Mike (on sabbatical)

The meeting was opened with the Vestry prayer at 7:30

OLD BUSINESS

1. Minutes- June minutes were amended to include Barbara Bateman as present and that she will also participate on the Stewardship Committee
2. There were no evotes but there were some emails shared about the cemetery repair project

NEW BUSINESS

1. Cemetery Update- Marc reported that Francois will get more bids on the work needed although there are few companies that do this. There is some urgency to get these repairs done but vacations have slowed our progress. We discussed replacing the stone wall with a fence in sections vs the very expensive wall repair. It was decided to table discussion on that decision for a month until Fr. Mike returns. In the meantime, we may make a decision by evote on gravestone repairs.
2. Yard sale Update- Peggy reported that Lauren has requested to combine the Youth Carwash with the Yard sale. Logistics for safe and efficient traffic flow was discussed. Chuck recommended placing yard sale tables across the street in church parking lot to separate the 2 events adequately.
Vestry help will be needed for table set up, traffic control and other tasks. Directional signs may be in the basement for use; Peggy will check. Starting in August, donations for the sale will be collected on the Glebe House porch then taken to the garage for storage. Marc said the garage is not yet completed, bids are coming in for window repair. Drew asked for defined roles for people for the day to run smoothly. The hours will be 8am-1pm on October 15th.
3. Outreach House Update
 - a. Financials- Barbara noted that due to reduced donations this year it was necessary to decrease monthly OH buying from \$3K to 1500 focusing on nutritive essentials.
 - b. Fundraising- A letter has been prepared to send to former donors but we do not have complete contact information; we are trying to reconstruct the list. We need Vestry help with fundraising in identifying possible donors and companies.

4. Stewardship Update- Drew reported that the theme of the campaign is” Building The Kingdom of God: A holistic Approach to Stewardship”. All members of a household will fill out pledge cards for time and talents. Vestry to play an active part, Lauren is filming vignettes for social media posts. This will start in mid- September and run into October.
5. Vestry Discernment for Deacon Lou Steffenhagen- the Vestry reviewed the statement document written by Deacon Lou as he is called to the priesthood and voted unanimously to approve him.

COMMISSION AREA REPORTS

1. Finance and Budget- Phil said that June was an unusual month showing a large deficit of \$28,228.96 because we paid our diocesan pledge. We transferred \$50K from Church Foundation for summer church expenses as previously voted on. There remains \$30 K in the account if needed. He also noted that previously expected budgeted income from parking lot leasing to the Winery and Daycare rental will not materialize in the future.
2. Buildings and Grounds- no formal report, information covered earlier
3. Communications- no report
4. Outreach House- Report was sent to vestry and approved
5. Education- no report
6. Member Ministry- no report
7. Parish Life- no report
8. Rector’s report- no report

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer

Respectfully Submitted,