

St Stephens Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes Meeting 9/1/2020

In attendance: Kathy Deciantis, Dave Eldon, Corinne Fragnoli, Ken Fuhr, Don Ingersoll, Joan Morgan, Phil Pierce, Amy Redmer, Sheryl Schmidt, Miranda Spates, Dave Stein, Mo Sharon Voelker, Gretchen Waters, Pat Wojas

Amy Redmer gave an opening prayer, after which the Vestry “checked in”.

The consent calendar was approved with an amendment to the August meeting minutes regarding Pat Wojas’ position that a part time, not full time, priest should be hired.

Dave Stein stated that the Worship and Technology and the Communications and Public Relations Committees are making progress. Jim Carnegie and Dave Stein will conduct the 2019 audit. Mother Sharon stated that the bylaws were located and will be finalized by that Committee. Phil Pierce presented information about the parish financials and membership, stating that while we have gained 12 new givers since 2018, we have lost 79.

Dave Stein presented a modified plan for a full time priest in charge. We will need about \$90,000 more than our projected annual income for 2020 to pay for a full time priest. Phil Pierce clarified that each parishioner would need to increase giving by about 29%, not 2%, to meet this goal.

The next step will be to present this plan to the parish in September. We will have a social meeting on September 13, 2020 after the 10 am service, and a stewardship meeting where this proposal will be presented to the parish after the 10 am church service on September 20, 2020, followed by a stewardship campaign.

The Bishop’s virtual visit will be set for a weekday in November. Vestry members whose terms are ending in 2020 should think about prospective Vestry members and let Dave Stein know who those people are before the current Vestry members speak to them.

The next Vestry meeting is October 13, 2020 at 7 pm.

Submitted by Joan Morgan