

St Stephens Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes Meeting 10/6/2020

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

Corinne Fragnoli gave an opening prayer, after the Vestry "checked in". She said that more than \$6000 has been raised for SOS to date.

Dave Eldon reported on Buildings and Grounds Committee accomplishments this year. Two furnaces and gas line hangars were installed, roof leaks were sealed, fascia boards were scraped and repainted, the church sign light was replaced, siding was repaired or replaced, and the Comcast bill is getting under control.

The consent calendar was approved.

Dave Stein stated that no date has been set for the 2019 audit although he has met with Sandy Jose and Jim Carnegie. He thought the Moving Forward Sunday and How to Get There Sundays went well.

Dave Eldon asked if we need \$13,000 in the J2A restricted fund. Others thought that, if youth programs comeback, the money will be needed.

A resolution was passed to maintain the Rector's housing deduction the same for 2021 as it was in 2020. The resolution states:

Resolution for 2020 Housing Allowance and Accountable Reimbursement for Reverend Sharon Voelker:

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the HOUSING ALLOWANCE provided to the Rev. Sharon Voelker, Rector, in the year 2020 and in subsequent years, be \$17,500.00, in accordance with IRS rules. This amount may be amended with Vestry approval prior to any increase in the amount. Any part of this amount not used for housing purposes as defined in IRS rules is regarded as salary and is subject to individual income tax and possible penalty.

Clerk: _____ Dated: _____

Dave Stein said a UV Filter System would cost \$3335 plus approximately \$1500 per year for replacement parts. The Diocese will pay 2/3 of the purchase price if we submit a grant request and the Diocese approves it. He will send out information on this, to be voted on at the November meeting. In the meantime, a representative from the company selling this product will meet with him and Buildings and Grounds before the November meeting.

Don Ingersoll will meet with the Finance Committee to present 2 2021 budgets to the Vestry – one assuming a full time priest and the other not. Phil Pierce noted that he reviewed all committee budgets in the Fall of 2019 for 2 years and he suggested that the budget remain as last year except for the uncertainty about the budget for the priest.

Dave Stein reminded outgoing Vestry members that they should be looking for a Vestry candidate to replace them.

Kathy Deciantis suggested that we have a Stewardship Gratitude Sunday on November 22, 2020 after the 10 am service. After discussion, all agreed.

The Bishop will visit on Zoom on November 19, 2020 at 6 pm.

Dave Stein said the Social Intern, Maddy Barr, had a performance review and she was rated as doing very well. The parish is also sending out Welcome postcards to new local residents.

Pat Wojas discussed the terms of the snow removal contract and will negotiate its terms.

The next Vestry meeting is November 10, 2020 at 7 pm.

Submitted by Joan Morgan