

**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes August 16, 2021**

**Present: Kathy Deciantis, Ken Fuhr, Don Ingersoll, Joan Morgan, Phil Pierce, Sheryl Schmidt, Paula Sommerville, Miranda Spates, Dave Stein, Mo Sharon Voelker**

Miranda Spates gave an opening prayer. In lieu of "checking in", we enjoyed a social hour.

The consent calendar and Rector's report were approved. There was no old business.

Ken Fuhr reported that the Priest in Charge search team is again advertising for candidates, again with an "enhanced" listing.

Kath Deciantis reported that Outreach will again serve lunch at Crossroads on October 31, 2021; the Baby Shower in July gave almost 2000 diapers, plus wipes and formula, to CCRT and Lighthouse. We will have a blood drive in December.

Ken Fuhr reported that YAYCM is planning a one week youth pilgrimage to Puerto Rico for July 5, 2022. We need Sunday School teachers for this fall.

Plans were made for the Bishop's visit on September 12 and Welcome Back Sunday on September 19th. The 90th Birthday Party for parishoners is cancelled but gifts for them will be given.

Dave Stein reported that the Communications Committee will have a meeting soon to plan for continued streaming of out church services.

The Diocesan apportionment for 2022 was approved (Schmidt, Deciantis).

Dave Stein asked the Vestry to begin planning for 2022 committee budgets, and for the Vestry members whose terms are up to look for replacement members for 2022. He will distribute, and asked the Vestry to look at, a Congregational Vitality Assessment questionnaire, a free online "quiz" for parishoners to take. He and Mother Sharon raised the possibility of Dave continuing for one additional year as Senior Warden. This possibility will be discussed with the Bishop during her September 12th visit.

Mother Sharon gave a closing prayer.

Submitted by Joan Morgan, Vestry Clerk