

St. Stephen's Vestry Minutes – September 20, 2021

Attending: Kathy Deciantis, Ken Fuhr, Don Ingersoll, Joan Morgan, Alice Moss, Sheryl Schmidt, Paula Sommerville, Miranda Spates, Dave Stein, Phil Pierce

After a "check in", Paula Sommerville gave an opening prayer.

The consent calendar items: August Vestry minutes and Financial Statement were approved. The Rector's Report was acknowledged.

The Vestry agreed that the Congregational Vitality Assessment was insufficiently useful to present to the congregation, and the Bishop's visit on Confirmation Sunday and Welcome Back Sunday were well received.

Ken Fuhr updated the Vestry on the Priest in Charge Search Team update. Most Vestry liasons had little to report, with the following exceptions: there will be an Outreach meeting September 27, 2021; Adult Bible study will restart on September 22; an evening program of Father Brown's Mysteries, a TV show and bring you own dinner will start in October (date to be announced); there will be no 8 am Sunday services and the 10 am service will consist of Morning Prayer until November 21, 2021; and Dave Stein will ask Dave Eldon for possible lighting repairs to the church. The SOS campaign, with a goal of \$8000, has reached \$4700 so far, and a check in that amount was sent to SOS.

The 2022 budget work is beginning, and Committee chairs need to start thinking about their budget requests for next year. The Stewardship campaign will begin in October.

Finally, we must replace the 4 outgoing Vestry members, with the exception that Mo. Sharon and Dave Stein spoke with the Bishop about the possibility of him staying on as Senior Warden for another year. The Bishop stated that the Diocesan Canons trump the parish bylaws and Sec 4.2.1.5 would permit Dave to continue for another year. If another candidate can be found for the position of Senior Warden this need not occur, but, if not, Dave may continue for another year.

Ken Fuhr gave a closing prayer.

Joan Morgan, Vestry Clerk

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