

St. Stephen's Vestry (Amended) Minutes October 18, 2021

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

The Vestry "checked in" and Don Ingersoll gave an opening prayer.

The consent calendar items – September Vestry minutes and financials, were approved.

Committee check ins: Miranda Spates noted that Pastoral Care is keeping up with parishoners who need support. Miranda also discussed the issue of people putting rocks where loved ones were interred, and doing so or planting flowers reduces the space available for new interments. The Vestry agreed that while it is understandable that some folks would like to do so, in keeping with the original concept of the garden, doing so should not be permitted.

Kathy Deciantis said that Outreach is serving lunch at Crossroads on Oct. 31. Ken Fuhr said a YACYM meeting was held. Alice Moss reported that Hospitality is preparing for both Mo. Sharon's final Sunday (Nov 21) and Fr. Brian's first Sunday (Dec 5). Dave Stein said that Communications will have a meeting Nov. 3, and that Kris Fuhr and Noma Ross will be new Witness editors, and the deadline for the next issue is Oct. 30. Dave gave a Buildings and Grounds update: an electrician will be coming to look at the parking lot lights and the gas line in the Memorial Garden will be fixed (hopefully this week so the church has heat for Sunday). The south side of the fellowship hall roof will be replaced.

The SOS campaign has raised over \$9000 to date. The rental agreement for the church will increase its fees to \$300/event, with Ami O'Neill having discretion to adjust the amount, effective Jan. 1, 2022. The Stewardship campaign, with a proposed letter to the parish, was discussed. Phil Pierce plans to carry over the same budget amounts in 2022 as we've had for the past 2 years. A housing allowance was approved for Fr. Brian, as were exit gifts and a bonus for Mo. Sharon and year end gifts for the staff. We still need to find 2022 Vestry members.

Submitted by Joan Morgan, Clerk