

## **Minutes of the Vestry St. Peter's Episcopal Church**

October 12, 2020

Attendance: Father Furman, Tom, Al, Dexter, James P, Malissa, Bobbie, Kyle C, April, Bill, Kyle D, Beck , & Rhys

Absent: Evelyn, Shelley, James K

Call to Order: Father Furman called the Zoom meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Approval of the September Minutes: a motion was made by Bobbie and seconded by Malissa to approve the minutes as printed. The motion passed.

Tom acknowledged the ten years of service by Father Furman to St. Peter's, and the Vestry expressed their gratitude by showing "Thank you, Furman" signs to our cameras.

Gospel reflection: Father Furman shared the selection for this coming week and a discussion was held.

There were no guest report requests made.

Discussion: Updates from the Columbarium Committee: Rhys had previously forwarded the minutes of the Columbarium Committee along with their recommendations as to pavers, surround stone, niche format and font, layout and highlight color from Eickhof Columbaria. It was noted that the Committee was in complete agreement on the choices.

### **Decisions**

Old Business-

-Columbarium Committee: A motion was made by Malissa and seconded by Bobbie to accept the recommendations from the Committee. The motion passed.

- Ben Fugitt Bequest of \$5K to the Family Endowment (2nd consecutive discussion and vote). It was noted that Ben was a founding member of the Endowment. Tom moved that the bequest be designated to the SPFE and Kyle C seconded. The motion passed.

#### New Business-

-Inside Worship vs Pavilion: We are allowed 10% of the Fire Marshal capacity which would be 30 people inside. We will have Gus Leist's funeral this Saturday, and have had Mimi and Mike's (Offik) wedding last month. It was discussed that we could color code pews, clean doorhandles, and bathrooms. We can continue celebrating in one kind using the bowls on trays. It was discussed that we may shift to Inside Worship later in the month, with more brainstorming on this topic needed.

-Pledge Drive Plan: we will not expect the same level of pledging this year as a lower return is expected. For budgeting, we will assume that we will continue with pledges paid in the first 6 months. The Drive itself was discussed in terms of possible Zoom interviews with Vestry and Father Furman, "This Church is important to me because ...", "I give to St. Peter's because ...". A telephone canvass was suggested.

Timeline: Father Furman will send a letter soon to households of leadership pledges. At the end of October, letters will go to everyone with an envelope. We will follow up in 4-5 weeks. Thank you letters will be sent in January. It was suggested that we supply the return postage for the pledge cards.

-Annual Meeting: this requires announcement 8 weeks prior. The Meeting will be held by Zoom on Sunday, December 6, 2020, at 11:45 AM. We need to have 50 people on the call. Tom and Father Furman met two weeks ago concerning the rules that the Diocese has in place for on line voting. Vestry nominations need to be out early. Diocesan Delegates' voting is spontaneous and we need hidden vote results. Laura L has secured a Zoom account for us. April and Kyle C will take the lead on coordination of the annual meeting, including voting.

-Partial Sabbatical Possibility: Father Furman will break his sabbatical in pieces in 2021. He will take four weeks in January-February before Lent to work on his writing. Back up for his absence will be provided; Mother Marie is now working 1/3 of the time, preaching once a month and providing pastoral care from home. Bill Lutz will be assisting, in preaching only. We will need approval of Partial Sabbatical and a strategic plan, i.e. Father Forman usually signs the Pledge Drive thank you letters in January.

-Vestry Candidates: Senior Vestry is working on nominations. Bios due by 11/15.

-Boy Scout Troop 260- will continue through this school year. There is need for more leadership and scout membership. Frank Boineau has been the liaison.

Stewardship Reports: Tom reported on the former back pack committee assisting with 20 children at AJ Wittenberg. The Cleveland Y and a Methodist Church are providing food on weekends for children living in motels. St. Peter's has donated to the Y. We will not be growing Outreach for 2021.

Roof: Beck reported that she and Don Ellis met with Jerry from B&F Roofing to clarify what area of the roof (over offices) was approved now for replacement. Jerry advised that he now would locate shingles (inventory low due to Covid) and would let Don know when the work was scheduled. Is two day job.

Kyle C reported that the exterminator has been out. They have not treated Seegers' Pavilion in the past.

Treasurer's Report by Bill Hartzell: the first 8 months of the year have been OK. There was some slippage in September. YTD revenues as \$498K vs a budget of \$477K. We spent more in September, catching up Outreach. We will use the same budget as 2020 for next year. Al made the motion that the Treasurer's Report be adopted into the Minutes, and Jim seconded. The motion passed.

Father Furman provided some Pastoral Care updates, and the meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beck Sullivan for Shelley Hendershot, Clerk