

St. John's Episcopal Church

610 Young Street

Melbourne FL 32935

Vestry Minutes

March 17, 2023

Present: Skip Alcorn, Susan Badgio, Jackie Bond, Elizabeth Chludzinski, Jack Kenworthy, Amy Lacy, Kathy Oas, Eric Turner, Jim Williams

Zoom: Deborah Miller-Caldwell

Absent: Steve Bradley, Jamie Hamilton, Katie Wilson

The meeting was called to order by Father Eric at 7:07pm in person and via Zoom, with prayers and remembrances for family, friends, church members and loved ones of the Vestry and the congregation.

Study: 1 Timothy 6:11-21: Paul gives Timothy a list of things to pursue: righteousness, godliness, faith, endurance and gentleness. These attributes are applicable to us also.

Minutes from February 2023 Vestry Meeting: The February minutes will be approved at the March Vestry meeting since Katie Wilson was not able to have them ready for the current meeting due to caring for her father.

Treasurer's Report: Assistant Treasurer, Susan Badgio, presented the finance reports for the month and year ending February 28, 2023.

SUMMARY COMMENTS

- Cash flow plan for February projected surplus of \$1,989. Actual result was a deficit of (\$635). Year to date deficit is now (\$9,152).
- Transferred from Restricted into Operating Account \$3,387 of monthly annual pledges and Wavecrest monthly rent for \$979 and prepaid utilities for \$82.17.
- Transferred \$1,500 from Restricted Reserve to Capital for doors.
- New Seacoast Operating bank account opened due to check fraud (old account closed).
- Transferred \$19k of Annual Pledges to Restricted Pledge account. Total annual pledges is \$39k.
- Request any church contractor if they will require a 1099/1096 so Realm can be flagged accordingly.

Notes:

- 1) Anyone authorized to sign checks must go to Seacoast to sign new signature card for authorization to sign checks on the new account.
- 2) Annual pledges in the new account should show on an annualized basis rather than the inception of the new account.
- 3) February Outreach for Vietnam & All Veterans of Brevard was \$1945.
- 4) Jack Kenworthy will prepare an article about the Endowment Fund for the next newsletter.

(Refer to attached Treasurer's Report for complete report)

Junior Warden's Report – Deborah Mill-Caldwell reports:

- 1) The door by Shady Lane has been replaced, but not complete. Deborah will try to get the job finished by the end of the week, but will not get this contractor again. She will try to get a new handyman for replacement of other doors.
- 2) Florida Breeze did yearly maintenance. Everything is good, except the one unit that cools the nursery and treasurer's office is on its last legs. We need to consider putting in window units.
- 3) Deborah has motion sensor to put by dumpster to dissuade neighbors and homeless from using it which results in extra charges from Waste Management to St. John's (\$25 for each time it is overfilled). She will also put up signs. The other alternative is costly, \$180 for new dumpster with lock, \$25 extra per month and \$25 for keys. We are missing yard waste cans. Deborah will try to locate them this Saturday and from now on they will be stored in the yellow house.
- 4) The Scouts will do a project to clean the front area. The Leader will contact Deborah with a date by the end of this week. The job is to be done before Easter.
- 5) Kathy Oas brings up that six cars park in area with NO PARKING signs. Deborah says her next project is to look into towing companies. Father Eric states he would like to warn the owners of the cars with a notice on their windshields as to when the towing will begin as the fee to retrieve a car can be around \$400.

Rector's Report:

- 1) Nathan Perez, the organ scholar, has tendered his resignation. Father Eric is sure Dr. Jerry Davidson will try to replace Nathan.
- 2) Father Eric is playing with new ideas for online advertising. Currently puts sermon teaser on Facebook every Friday (no cost). This only works if parishioners share on Facebook. He's thinking a video may be more effective, but not happy with his tries at that yet. For Easter Sunday he will buy a \$35 boost from Facebook to get more coverage.
- 3) Summer schedule: Uganda: leave Friday, July 7th, return Sunday, July 23rd, return to office Wednesday, July 26th. He will miss 3 Sundays in July. In August Father Eric will be off from Monday, August 14th and

back in the office on Wednesday, August 30th. His contract with the church is that he gets 2 weeks of mission leadership time, which leaves him with 1 week of vacation which he usually takes in January. We need to change the August Vestry meeting to August 10th.

- 4) Tap the Big Questions: It went well. Six folks showed Tuesday night. Two were unchurched. Father Eric is looking for people 'unchurched' and 'church injured'. Success of TAP depends upon parishioners bringing 'unchurched' friends. He will buy a bigger sign to put on table for next month.
- 5) Father Eric nominated Elizabeth Chludzinski for Treasurer. The Vestry elected Elizabeth as the new treasurer. She will formally take over when Steve Bradley announces his resignation. Father Eric will announce Elizabeth's election at the Sunday service.
- 6) Next in the concert series will be Andy and Bonnie Harrington and a picnic in the park. The May concert will be the Melbourne City Harmonizer's in the parish hall with a dinner.
- 7) Lenten Program: Soup dinners going very well.
- 8) Vestry Meeting, March 25th from 9:00am - 3:00pm at Kathy Oas's house.
Agenda: Part 1 – Refreshing ourselves on the mission values and vision statements.
Part 2 – Open brainstorming
Are there things that we're holding onto that we should let go of?
Are there new initiatives that we might decide to start?

Old & New Business

- 1) Update address book – decision made to send out pdf's of the Parish Directory to parishioners via email and to put the directory on the website. Parishioners have option to log onto the website for viewing. Changing directory information would remain the responsibility of the church office. Father Eric will need a few Sundays to give website instruction to parishioners. No action on this until after Easter.
- 2) Start up 7:45 service again TBD. Considerations: another bulletin (Rite I), no live stream, effects Altar Guild, lems, etc. Need at least 10 parishioners to attend regularly to make it worthwhile. Pray for guidance.
- 3) Hispanic Ministry – An Hispanic couple, both priests, are working on Visa issues, but appear to be a good match for St. John's. Looking at 6 months to a year for this to possibly come to fruition.

Following prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Lacy

