

St. John's Episcopal Church

610 Young Street

Melbourne, FL 32935

Vestry Minutes

June 15, 2023

**Present:** Susan Badgio, Jackie Bond, Elizabeth Chludzinski, Jack Kenworthy, Kathy Oas, Eric Turner, Katie Wilson

**Zoom:** Amy Lacy

**Absent:** Skip Alcorn, Deborah Caldwell-Miller, Jamie Hamilton, Jim Williams

The meeting was called to order by Father Eric at 7:03 in person and via Zoom with prayers and remembrances for Elizabeth Chludzinski's mother, Leigh, Whitney's family upon the death of her cousin in a car accident, Jim Williams and household, Ellen and Richard Huffman, Baron who is headed to Iraq, and the Vestry for guidance and inspiration in our deliberations at this meeting.

**Study:** Revelation 2:12-17: John points to examples of what drew the people away from God at that time, which leads to the question of what draws us away from God now.

**Minutes from May 2023 Vestry Meeting:** Corrections to May minutes: 1) Space after the **Absent** line 2) under **Present** add Jim Williams 3) in the prayer list change Sam to Sam Williams.

A motion was made, seconded and the minutes were approved with corrections by unanimous vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** (See Financial Statement attached)

Elizabeth Chludzinski presented the finance report for the month and year of May 31, 2023. The Financial Statement includes Summary Comments, Cash on Hand, The Financial Summary, Cash Flow, Restricted Funds Summary, Outreach Contributions and a summary of the St. John's Endowment Fund.

**Comments**

- \$5,634 of deficit was caused by a back up of pension and health care payments because the February check never got paid. At that time the church had a problem with the checking account. The year to date deficit stays the same.
- Also contributions were a little under budget. YTD \$4,600 behind.
- Outreach for Solar Lights of Africa should read \$1,127 not \$1,027. A check for SLA came in June for \$5,000. That will be reflected in July's report. Father Eric asks Jackie to include the \$6,127 figure in the newsletter. Need a \$2000 check to go out to Nana's House and two checks to SLA.

A motion was made, seconded, and the Vestry approved the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit.

**Senior Warden's Report:** Kathy Oas reports that the piano in the chapel was given in memory of Art Lanum, but we don't know who donated it. Refer to the last bullet in the Junior Warden's report for context.

**Junior Warden's Report:** The report was presented by Father Eric in lieu of Deborah Caldwell Miller.

- Plugs in Memorial Garden spreading well.
- Koch's Irrigation & Drainage fixed the system for a cost of \$498.00.
- Plumbing issues occurred in the Parish Hall, backed up toilets, and the Nick House/Wavecrest Academy, a backed-up sink. Two companies (1-Tom and Hambel) were called to fix the backed-up toilets.
- Cleanup: 1) The Deacon's office was cleaned up and organized. The Jr. Warden's files were moved into this office and will be used by the Jr. Warden, Andy Weeks, Newcomers supplies, and Katie Wilson's Sunday School supplies. 2) Jr. Warden's office was cleaned up to a point. There are still supplies in the room. Kathy Oas is planning to speak to the Seaside Stitchers and ask them to reduce their stored supplies in the room because their supplies are encroaching in storage space needed for the church supplies.
- Nursery: 1) The heating unit was replaced on the heat pump that cools/heats the Nursery and the Treasurer's office. 2) The dehumidifier's drain line is not draining. Richard was the person who put in the drain line, so Deborah asked him to check on the drain line and perhaps fix the problem. 3) An air purifier was given to the church on Sunday, 11 June. Deborah thinks the church could use it in the Nursery, which tends to have a stale odor at times. Needs to be installed by end of July for Family Promise.
- Wavecrest is anticipating expanded enrollment and asked if there is any extra space they can have. The only available space would be the Chapel. They would just need the table and chairs, so the altar, piano and Zoom equipment would be moved out. The church has two pianos and the chapel piano is considered the better piano, so we would get rid of the other one. The Zoom equipment could be put on a cart. Wavecrest should know in August if they will need the extra space. Currently they are paying \$975 for the Nick House. Fr. Eric is thinking \$200-\$250 for the Chapel. We are not going to be able to isolate the electric bill.

#### **Rector's Report**

- Ten people attended this month's Tapping the Big Questions, different people than before and they had great questions. No gathering in July due to coinciding with July 4<sup>th</sup>. Will resume on August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Fr. Eric invites the Vestry to rework his answers to question numbers 37 and 38 on page 4 of the Parochial Report relating to 'opportunities' and 'challenges'. Susan recommends labeling items as 'opportunities' or 'challenges'. Fr. Eric needs Elizabeth, Katie and Kathy to complete page 1 before he turns it in on Monday.

- At the Vestry Mini Retreat, the Vestry decided to change the word 'obedient' to 'guided' and the word 'his' to 'Jesus' in the Mission statement. Fr. Eric made a motion to accept those changes to the Mission statement. The motion was seconded and approved by a unanimous vote. The Mission statement will be published in the appropriate places in the new way.
- Father Eric will be on his Uganda trip from July 7 and back in the office on Tuesday, July 25. Fr. Eric will take his vacation starting August 14 and be back in the office on Tuesday, August 29. Fr. Terry will give the services and take care of pastoral needs. Jackie, Kathy and Deborah will also be here.
- The Concert Series will launch again in October with the Choral Evensong, followed in November with the Penny Creek band. The Penny Creek band was the best attended concert last year, so it should be a good starter for the series.
- No July Vestry meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday, August 10. Elizabeth will send out via email to the Vestry the July Financial Report.
- The September/October newsletter will go out about a week early since Fr. Eric will be leaving for vacation.

Following prayer the meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Amy Lacy*