

St. James Vestry Minutes
Thursday, May 19, 2020

Present: Rector De Freeman, Sr. Warden Jeanie Smith, Clerk Bruce Stone, Treasurer Katie Smith, Parish Administrator Meghan Fancher, BeBe Goetter, Earl Jackson, Elizabeth Erwin, Laura Jones, Ben Coddling, Lauren Arington, Matthew Myrick, Tracy Corte, Mary Statkewicz, Chris Nelson, Peter Gaillard

Vestry Members Absent: Shannon Pesnell

Vestry meeting commenced @ approximately 5:49pm

Opening prayer – Bruce Stone

Recitation of Mission Statement

Chris Nelson led meditation

Discussion:

Jeanie Smith – Sr. Warden:

Thank-you notes seem to be all written & mailed

Storage issues – discussed needs for additional & immediate storage solutions. An outside storage building was discussed, which would not necessarily be cheap. A possible size of 16x20 situated in the vicinity of the upper parking lot. This building will not replace the current “Mike’s” storage building for lawn equipment, and will have no power. Some discussion was commenced about the possibility of off-site temporary storage units, which did not appear to be well received. Peter Gaillard proposed considering using a shipping container and trimming out with board & batting.

The need for additional funds for expenses in church office and re-configuration of office spaces was also discussed to provide additional office space for the new Curate in July.

Jeanie Smith requested a motion be made to approved expenses up to \$35,000.00 for additional storage solutions and Church office renovation. Earl Jackson made first motion, seconded by Chris Nelson. Motion unanimously approved by Vestry to expend up to \$35,000.00

Update was provided on the status of the RPO to twelve (12) architectural firms for the proposed building project. It was announced that the RPOs are expected to be received in the office around May 26th. A total of 14 requests were sent out, with thoughts that 8 firms may be interested in submitting their proposals

The upcoming need for forming various committees was discussed, in particular the need to appoint a capital campaign committee, and selection committee for an architecture firm. It was discussed that the architect selection committee should be no more than 4-5 people, their sole function would be to select an architectural firm, then disband. De requested that any Vestry members wishing to submit names for possibly serving on either/both committees be submitted to him as soon as possible.

The Vestry went into Executive Session for continued discussions.

Upon resuming from Executive Session, the request was made for an architectural selection committee. Bebe Goetter made first motion for approval, followed by Ben Coddling second. The Vestry unanimously approved. Names for this committee must be received by May 26, 2022 and De will recruit.

De also requested that any Vestry member who may have suggestions on capital-fund raising organizations to pass on to him.

De stated that he believed the thank-you notes from the Vestry had been well received.

ASA January- April	336
Easter	1000/ 4 services
May	315

De reported that all St. James school classes are full for the upcoming fall except 2nd & 3rd grades. The recent artwork fund-raiser was a success also.

Sunday Summer schedule starts end of month, with Sunday services at 8:30am and 10:30am
Pentecost Picnic with Fish Fry will be June 5th
Family Promise starts Sunday, June 5 (while St. James school is on break)
VBS is FULL, and is June 12-16

Renovation & expansion of Memorial Garden is in progress

The Vestry returned to Executive Session for Church policy discussion

Matt Myrick discussed outreach, in particular an upcoming volunteers meeting on May 24th for the Baldwin Family Village Transitional housing. Facility will be located in a former assisted living facility on Hwy. 33 in Fairhope, and is not a facility of Fairhope United Methodist. Success rate is expected to be at least 81%.

Katie Smith - Financial Report: files attached to May packet

\$10,000 under budget for April, YTD is higher

Expenses are under budget again

Jeanie Smith requested motion be made to approve March & April, 2022 financial reports, Earl Jackson made first motion, seconded by Peter Gaillard, motion for approval of financial reports carried unanimously

There were no corrections to the March 2022 Vestry minutes. Jeanie Smith requested motion for approval; Laura Jones made first motion to approve, second by Ben Coddling, motion for approval of Vestry minutes for March 2022 carried unanimously

June Vestry meeting will be June 16th

Closing prayer

May 2022 Vestry meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15pm