

Vestry Meeting

September 19, 2023

Present: Christine Abbott Christine Powell
Kathy Barzilla Alysoun Marks
Michelle D'Antuono Sue Lane McCulley
Melissa Hamon

Not Present: Mary Anne Helms and Elisa Hughes

- I.
 - A. Alysoun opened the meeting with a prayer.
 - B. The Agenda was approved on a motion made by Michelle and seconded by Melissa.
 - C. The minutes of the August meeting were approved as amended on a motion made by Melissa and seconded by Kathy.
 - D. Announcements and discussion included:
 1. Discussion of the upcoming calendar – Requested that all Saint's day names be printed in the bulletin and read aloud.

II. A. Senior Warden Alysoun reported on the following:

Trunk or Treat: Flyers will be going out to an updated list of schools in LCISD - Pictures will be done by Bill Abbott. Need more trunks and help with games. Will provide hotdogs and water.

Miracle on Morton street trying to get the \$500 fee waived. Water bottles purchased and labels are made – need to be printed. (outreach opportunity)

Supply Priests have been arranged for Advent, except for Dec 10th we will need Morning Prayer for that date.

Thousand Days of Love is no longer in place. Episcopal Relief Fund will be our choice for Christmas donations.

Suggestion has been made for our church to provide lunch and make cards for teachers at school nearby (outreach opportunity)

B. Treasurer's Report/Real Estate – Michelle

The Audit Committee completed the Audit of 2022 Financials on September 7, 2023.

Review of August Budget and Church Finances -- the budget reflects Income excess over expenses YTD; Overall Financial Reports that the Church is in a good financial position with both the operating and capital budgets.

Real Estate: Working with our Lawyer and Appraiser we hope to get a settlement for the 1.693 total "take" acreage for the Reading Road expansion, for a total settlement of \$458,090, of which \$178,833 has been paid, leaving an additional \$279,257 – after lawyer fees SMEC will receive an additional \$195,000.

Keen to Learn Academy ("KLA") – Has approached SMEC to rent classroom space (3 rooms and office) to accommodate their school needs as soon as possible, as they have been forced to home school very recently. (outreach opportunity)

Michelle made a motion and Sue Lane seconded for Michelle to move forward on discussions with KLA to entertain renting school space, initially on a short term basis. Michelle will work with Kimberly and Rock to determine a monthly rental amount.

C. School liaison Michelle reported:

Games for Trunk or Treat that were previously used by the school, are in the Outback Anticipate around \$50,000 left in bank by the time all bills, taxes, etc. are paid School's Power Church account will be closed, will purchase report access in order to be able to generate reports for W-2's in 2024, etc.
Licensing and Diocese has been advised that the school is closed, all reporting is completed

D. Junior Warden Report was made by Alysoun

Cleaned the water cooler in the parish hall. The k-cup function is not working. Does the vestry want to fix this? Or just leave?
Started replacing emergency lights and exit lights that were not lit up. Still working on replacing them all
Quote to put panic bars on doors. I only have one quote. Have not heard from the other 2
Quote for security camera's attached.
Rob and Elisa still looking into replacing the parish hall lights

E. Christian Formation Youth (Chris): Attendance continues to be a challenge with new families not committing. Sharing lesson plans with Calvary, providing they acquire their own license.

(Chris) JDRF – Continue to take donations and looking for more walkers to the walk on Nov 4th.

(Alysoun) Brown Bag sessions started Romans this week.

Sunday Christian Formation (Melissa) - Study of the Lord's prayer – Advent Sundays will be a book Study. No Adult Christian Formation on 10/7 and 10/14.

F. Transition: (Alysoun) Search Committee is continuing to interview. Several others praying over our profile.

G. Chris reported that DOK will be doing Super Bowl of Caring again. (outreach)

H. Worship (Kathy) Will find someone to do Morning Prayer for December 10th.

I. Cards (Melissa) Will send a card to Leo to welcome him to SMEC.

Alysoun closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Michelle D'Antuono

