

Meeting of the Vestry of Saint Luke's Episcopal Church

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

5:00 PM Remote Meeting via Zoom

Call to Order and Quorum: Fr. Pierre-Henry Buisson called the meeting to order at 5:00. The following Vestry members were present: George Chesney, Don McKellar, Steven Dear, Lloyd Needham, Mary Berkheiser, Ron Weiss, Paul Nelson, Earl Poole, Larry Griffin, Roger Peacock, Nancy Reynolds, Joy Ramsey-Smith Treasurer, and Patricia Ogburn, Clerk. There were no members absent.

Clergy Present: Father Pierre-Henry Buisson and Mother Denise Muller.

Guests Present: There were no guests present.

Opening Prayer: The opening prayer was led by Larry Griffin

Consent Agenda:

1. Amended Minutes from the March 31, 2020 Vestry Meeting.
2. Outreach Commission April Minutes and Grant request worksheet

MOTION 10:04/20: It was moved and seconded to accept the Consent Agenda. **Motion Carried.**

Treasurer's & Finance Report:

Joy reported that the pledge giving was remarkable considering the current conditions regarding sheltering in place amid the COVID-19 Pandemic. The finances of St. Luke's continue to be doing ok at this time. A detailed copy of the financials was provided in each Vestry Members Packet.

Old Business:

1. Buildings and Grounds presented two proposals regarding the HAVAC systems. The general consensus was that Vestry will make a decision as soon as the third proposal is obtained.
2. Buildings and Grounds stated that the current thermostats were moderately programable and could be addressed at a later time. There was no rush to do anything right now.
3. It was pointed out that there was no HAVAC maintenance contract for the rectory.
4. There was a brief discussion regarding another sewer back-up/blockage that was being dealt with. There will be estimates to be voted on at the May Vestry Meeting to repair the issues. Until then nothing can back up into the church.
5. Don McKellar gave a report on the status of the door repairs and the lock situation for the doors at St. Luke's.

New Business:

1. The proposed revision to Section 27 of the Policy Manual was discussed at length.

MOTION 11:04/20: It was moved and seconded that the proposed revisions to Section 27 Budget & Finance Committee be accepted as presented in "Boardable" re-number the remaining. **Motion Carried.** (1 Abstention, 1 No, Remaining Yes)

2. Mother Denise gave a brief report on Christian Formation Activities via Zoom at St. Luke's. They consist of EFM and TASE classes. There are two groups that meet on Mondays and Fridays and there is a 5:30 Saturday night fellowship group that meets for chatting. Mother Denise has purchased food and gas gift cards which will be provided to St. Luke's parishioners as needed to help them during this time of crisis in our nation.
3. Fr Buisson reminded us that the church will remain closed. Two to three people are in the office at a time. The Pantry is still working. Sunday Worship services are available.

There was brief discussion about how St. Luke's will be changing when it reopens. It was thought that perhaps the congregation should have some input to the Worship Committee regarding how this should be handled. General consensus was that the Clergy and the Vestry would set forth guidelines from the Bishop, CDC, and Government and would do what is the best for St. Luke's parishioners.

Any suggestions for the next Vestry meeting and any Agenda items need to me turned in by the 3rd Monday of the month when the Wardens and Rector prepare the agenda.

The next Vestry Meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2020 at 5:00 pm via Zoom.

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 following the reading of a poem and closing prayer by Roger Peacock.

Patricia Ogburn
Clerk of the Vestry

Approved 5.26.20