

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MINUTES, VESTRY MEETING OCTOBER 25, 2020 (VIA ZOOM)

The meeting was called to order at 11:40 AM by Rector, The Rev. Neil Tadken. Present were Sonja Shea, Senior Warden (2020); Lexi Bond, Junior Warden (2021); Dave Tolemy (2021); Kathy Eisel (2022); Lyn Walsh (2022); Lisa Kiriakidis (2022); Richard Beatty (2020); Raquel MacLaughlin (2020); Christine Pregent (2021). Also present were Steve Baker, Treasurer; Susan Goff, Clerk; Janet Clark, Building and Grounds Chair.

The opening prayer was offered by Lexi.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved (**MSC** – Kathy) with the following corrections: the Monrovia City Representative mentioned in the paragraph regarding Apartment Repairs is Sean Sullivan. The dates for guest clergy are Sunday, October 11 (Mother Judy) and Sunday, October 18 (Bishop Diane Jardine Bruce).

REPORTS

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Steve. **MSC** (Kathy) to accept the Treasurer's Report. Members of the Vestry commented on the consistently fine Treasurer's Reports, noting their clarity and ease of understanding.

Building and Grounds Report: Janet gave a comprehensive report on the progress of the **organ restoration**. She stated the Sean O'Neal will present an outline of all that had been done (with costs) and his recommendations of work that could be expeditiously done as final steps in the restoration. She predicted that the work could be finished by Easter; the Controller must be custom built which takes approximately 30 days, but could take much longer as the builder may have a number of jobs ahead of ours.

Janet also reported on the progress of **the lighting in the sanctuary**: wiring is complete; lights on beams complete; chandeliers are almost complete; lower lighting is still to be finished.

Janet said that an orchard work day is scheduled for October 31. Because of the need for social distancing and because the work will mostly be weeding in the orchard, there is not a need for many workers. Jan Rietow, Gardening Chair, believes she has enough workers to complete the tasks to be done.

Property development/Tzu Chi lease: It was noted that Tzu Chi school has almost entirely vacated the property; they are still behind in lease payments and are apparently still seeking modification/cancellation of the current lease. Fr. Neil and The Senior

Warden will pursue clarification of this situation; it was suggested that the Diocese be consulted as well as advice from a real estate attorney.

Fr. Neil and Sonja are meeting with the Episcopal Communities and Services to discuss possible uses for the eastern section of the Church property. A report will be brought to a future Vestry meeting, outlining these possibilities aimed at making best use of the property both for the Church and the community.

New Vestry Member Search: A committee consisting of outgoing Vestry Members (Sonja, Lexi, Raquel), congregational representative Phil Shultz and Fr. Neil will meet to search, recruit members for the Vestry. It will be announced in a bulletin and anyone interested may apply for consideration.

Parking Lot Lighting: Fr. Neil was able to purchase motion-sensitive lights with cameras for the parking lot. One will be installed by the Chapel and another at the Sacristy doors. The total cost was under \$500 so the Vestry ratified the purchase by consensus.

Voices: Vestry members expressed concern for availability of supplies at Unity Center, hoping that we can find ways to be supportive of their efforts to feed and clothe the community in need. Christine will contact the Center to ask how we may be of service.

Fr. Neil thanked the family of St. Luke's for their love and support, food, flowers, cards, etc., after his recent hip surgery.

Christine offered the Closing Prayer and the meeting as adjourned and 1:50 PM.

Susan Goff, Clerk