

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting  
July 20, 2020  
St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church  
6:00 pm

Present: Father Steve, Linda Price, Matt Matthews, Noreen Clements, Betty Rendlesham, Jack Rendlesham, Tom Robinson, Betsy Limmex, Heidi Schinko, Stephanie Berhannan

Non-vestry in attendance: John Charney and Wendy Charney

Prayer offered at 6:00pm by Linda Price

Motion made by Noreen Clements to approve the minutes of the June vestry meeting.

Second by Matt Matthews

Motion approved

Pastoral Report: Father Steve participated in a zoom call with clergy.

Young Vinnie is hanging on. Please continue to pray for him and his family.

Senior Warden Report: Jackie Riek is getting a new pacemaker. Please pray that her procedure goes smoothly. Marge will keep us updated on her condition. Linda touched base with many parishioners in June using the church's directory. In addition, she has been tracking the Sunday service attendance at 9:30am.

Junior Warden Report: Father Steve met with pest control in regards to the presence of mice. Matt Matthews will patch up their access point.

Financial Report: Jack Rendlesham stated that the church is under budget by \$3,500 and our assets have increased by \$30,000. In addition, if the loan forgiveness loan is approved, then the church will be forgiven in the amount of \$30,000.

Old Business:

1. Tom Robinson suggested using two posts placed in concrete with reflective tape to improve the lighting in the driveway. He will analyze the pricing.
2. The shoe collection drive will be discussed further at a later meeting.

3. Father Steve and Matt Matthews will put 8 pieces of fish, 4 pickles, 8 hushpuppies and fries into bags to be sold. The bags will be sold at 50 percent of the cost on the fish fry menu.

4. The topic of distributing welcome bags to new members will be discussed at a later meeting.

#### New Business:

1. A member of the church donated \$300.

2. Wendy Charney conducted research to determine whether or not the books in the library would need to be taken out. She determined that the books wouldn't pose any safety concerns and will not need to be taken out.

3. Communion will be put on hold for the time being.

4. HVAC will be contacted.

5. Plan to have church service outdoors for as long as the weather permits (until approximately October or November).

6. Return to worship suggestions:

John Charney suggested that we should get a filter in the blower system.

Betsy Limmex also suggested using an air scrubber with UV light that would go on the furnace.

Bottles of hand sanitizer at every pew or at the entrance door.

Deep cleaning would occur close to when the church is ready to be opened.

7. Discussed Kay Boyd's suggestion of changing the 'prayers of the people'. However, it has been determined that it cannot be changed.

8. Linda Price announced that she is resigning from providing the bereavement meals. The new policy will be explained to those who are interested.

9. The church will continue to offer one outdoor service at 9:30am on Sundays.

10. The church building will not be open to outside groups during this time.

11. Vestry members should consider utilizing the phone tree more often to contact members who need prayer.

12. A monthly bulletin should be mailed to all members.

The opening prayer for the August meeting will be by Tom Robinson and the closing prayer will be by Noreen Clements.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm with a prayer by Father Steve.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Berhannan, clerk