

## April 15 Vestry Meeting — 6:00 pm

Present: all nine vestry members; Joslyn.

- Pastoral check-in, devotion by Larry Davis, communication guidelines discussed.
- Consent Agenda: no changes to the March minutes, finances reviewed. Michael moved to approve, seconded by Lauri. Unanimously approved.
- Discussion of the scheduling conflict with the choir rehearsals.
- Vestry retreat date discussion - decision to front-load Friday events on June 18.
- 30-minute discussion of Big Picture Ministry & Mission (Schenck article): Resuscitation v. Resurrection post-pandemic — Joslyn encourages vestry members to touch base with those who may not have been connected to the church in the last year. Updates to our prayer partner lists provided. Discussion of some of the things to incorporate on a regular basis: digital ushers, integrating children into the 10:30 service on a regular basis, renovating Thatcher Hall A/V equipment so that we can have both in-person and on-line education programs, including more contemporary music in our worship services. Some experimental hybrid education programs are in the works. Two getaways planned: confirmation day retreat, spiritual retreat.
- Committee Updates:
  1. Parish Programs: Arts ministry wants to focus on an art-related activity or opportunity for the May 22 “homecoming” event. Gradual re-entry to in-person programs discussed, with appropriate precautions. 10-week program on race, repentance, and reparations being considered - group from NAACP and FUMC met with the adult education subcommittee. Joslyn asked that the group look at the 9:15 forum. St. Andrew’s and Grace are collaborating on some youth activities. Sept. 12: “regional confirmation” at Grace.
  2. Outreach: Parish fair planning is under way. Grant subcommittee to work on the grant process. Handout on the fair provided. Creation Care grant: this grant connects with the notion of reparations. The grant has synthesized a number of factors — partners have brought a number of things that have coalesced - \$39K applied for. Involves river cane vital for traditional Cherokee weaving - has cultural and environmental impacts. EACH issue on rent will need to be handled through the Outreach Committee. MOTION to have a one-year designated fund as a pass through to EACH (\$1000/month rent) - Larry made the motion, Dale seconded. Unanimously passed.
  3. Administrative: Still looking for a new lawnmower. Rain garden - 10-year commitment. Our share is \$8300. Working on the grant, though no decision required until we receive the grant. Sacristy expansion - \$4500 bid has been recommended for approval from Buildings & Grounds. Lauri makes motion to approve, Larry seconds. Unanimously approved. Offices in the front redesign to accommodate the two new personnel. Gary Roberts has agreed to serve as assistant treasurer. Question RE sufficient space agreements with AA, Boy Scouts. Tent use: Sarge’s, Pathways, other groups. We need to purchase straps for the tent. Three applicants each for the parish programs and bookkeeper.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Lodico