Vestry Meeting 5/24/23

**Attendance**

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| Angela Breeher | Barbi Click | Karen Watts | Kathy Watts | * Laura Renshaw |
| Maryellen Bell | Matt Schroeder | Rebecca Ragland | Richard Byrne | Tom Schroeder |
| Additional attendees | Sybill Fisher | Scott Ragland | Peggy Schroeder |  |

**Centering & Opening Prayer RR**

**Fundamentals KW**

* Review of Vestry Covenant
* Agenda for this meeting
* Minutes from May 2023
  + Motion to accept by Maryellen, seconded by Tom, all aye

**Reports:**

**Heigham House Committee**

* Parking goal achieved by-
  + securing additional parking on Sundays with the Health Center
  + Continue use of our lot.
  + Additional parking on Mott St. and Michigan Ave.
* House condition assessed and appraised
  + Structurally evaluated and deemed primarily cosmetic improvements needed
  + Valued by realtor at $150,000 to $175,000 if sold as is
* Investigate usage for the future
  + Referral to rent house for $925 a month (sec. 8 voucher)
  + International Institute to help find tenant
  + Use for non-profit doing youth outreach
  + Archdiocese to rent out upstairs with kitchen access for seminarians

Rebecca- question of non-for profit presented as a possible use. Has meeting

Tom- Seems there is a lot of work to continue- who will oversee as landlord? How will repairs be paid for, and who will oversee?

Barbi- What about the International Institute? Will they pay for some repairs?

-Karen- This was a fact finding mission, now that we are moving forward with keeping the house that work can begin

**Treasurer TS**

Motion to approve reports/vote

* Kathy motion to approve, seconded by Matt, all aye

**Jr. Warden Report (20 minutes) KLW**

* Electrical Bids from Schaeffer, Volz, Reinhold
  + Reinhold- total $2750 has note about drywall/ceiling repair to be done by someone else (for
  + Schaefer- $1770 total, has placement of nave light being behind street sign, and $125/per hour for additional work
  + Volz- total $1550, but unclear what is in scope. Rebecca commented that
  + Comments- concern about union shop, concern with placement in Schaefer bid, concern about exterior extension cord in Volz bid
  + Request for Kathy to gather additional information

* Motion to fundraise on St. Paul’s Giving Sunday for this expense?
  + Matt motion to approve, Kathy second, all aye
  + Angela- question concerning how urgent need is. And might meet needs of CAED matching funds.
    - Rebecca- we have some funds from previous allotment. Looking to use funds for other projects (Heigham House, gutters, etc.)

**Congregational Health Survey RR**

* Reviewed information

**Music RR**

* Losing John Birdsong in August
* Lost Karen
* Possibility of Stacy Smith playing organ 2x a month
  + May come with a cost
* Possibility of a young man (Joey Berber) in the community playing guitar for folk Sunday
  + Is there interest in hiring him 1x a month. Likely to cost $150-$200
    - Angela- will we need to amend the budget to cover the cost? Should we consider using more online music?
  + Maryellen- can we get a demo? Rebecca to follow up

**Sabbatical Planning Update RR**

* Confirmed supply from Mary Haggerty to fill in any Sunday Deacon Barbi is unable
* Annual Meeting to be held Jan 14
* I will be gone from Jan. 21- March 17 Returning on Palm Sunday, March 24.

**Old Business**

**By-laws Evaluation RB**

* No updates made. If anyone is open to taking this on, please do.

**Building Use Contract/Guidelines RR**

* Maryellen has not reviewed, but will do so by next meeting

**Ministry Administrator RR**

* Thought to consider- What would it look like if we shifted to a model that St. Paul's operates as a non-for-profit that includes a church. Pastor would be part-time, would need to hire an administrator to expand outreach and facilitate use of Heigham House.

Next Meeting: July 19, **6:30 PM** on Zoom