

MINUTES OF ST. PETER'S VESTRY MEETING

May 21, 2020

Approved June 18, 2020

The third Zoom Vestry meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Those present were: Fr. Georges, Phil Montgomery, Anita Biletzky, Donna Hill, Varsie Geisler, John Boies, Lynne Roberts, Liane O'Keefe, John Vain, Henry Burgweger, Fr. Mark Geisler, and Judy LaPorta, clerk.

Guest: Jack Frost, Growth Committee

Phil Montgomery moved to approve the minutes from the April vestry meeting. Varsie Geisler seconded and the motion carried.

Sr. Warden Report: Phil Montgomery reported that he and Anita Biletzky had many meetings this month with Fr. Georges regarding the reopening of the church. Once we receive the final requirements for reopening from the diocese, and have a plan for the required check list, the plan will be presented and approved by the vestry, then sent to the Bishop for final approval. At that time we will be able to set our date to resume services.

Jr. Warden: Report attached. Anita Biletzky reported that the spring cleanup has been done by Nick Klein and the grounds look good. She reviewed the bids she had received for carpet cleaning and deep cleaning the church and parish hall. She reported that we had a bid for durasand, a product that would sanitize all surfaces for 30 days. Although this would be nice to have, the cost is \$1,000.00. She is looking into what the cost and requirements for the equipment and solution would be for us to do this ourselves. Carpet cleaning includes cleaning the pew cushions and she has signed a purchase order with Image One. The deep cleaning of the church and hall will be done by the Kleins.

A bid for resurfacing the parking lot was obtained for \$1,200.00. Anita is looking for a second bid, but there are few companies that perform this service. This will be tabled until additional bids are received.

Dave Potter has been retained to cut the grass for the church, rectory, and Wetzel house for four months to help them during this time when they both had lost their jobs. Since that arrangement was made, Dave has started working and Kelly has found a new job. In September, Mark's Lawn Service will again maintain the grounds.

The Wetzel house tenant will not be renewing her lease, and Anita has a couple that is very interested in renting. Their lease is up at the same time as the Wetzel house, so this could be a seamless move.

Will Biletzky will be painting the porch outside of the sacristy within the next couple of weeks.

Treasurer's Report: John Vain reported that members continue to send their pledges in to the office. Many have paid their pledges in full, which shows in our income now, but need to keep in mind that we will not see those numbers for the remainder of the year. We have a positive variance between income and expenses. Real estate taxes will be coming due.

Phil Montgomery moved to approve the Treasurer's report, Varsie Geisler seconded, and the motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Growth committee: Jack Frost reported that the Growth committee had been meeting and had come up with some great ideas. Their goal is to grow the congregation by 25 people by the end of the year. There will be no cost to the church, the committee is self-sufficient. He asked the vestry to think about their 5 minute answer to "Why should your church be our church?"

Jack said we need to get our message to the unchurched and once they come, how do we help them become a part of our church family?

Varsie Geisler asked if we could have a re-opening celebration.

Outreach: Outreach has provided dinner this month for Hope Haven from Inboden's. This is a safer way to prepare and deliver food than to have several people prepare food. The Outreach committee has donated \$500.00/month for the past 2 months for them to purchase food from the Northern Illinois Food pantry.

Caregivers: The committee continues to keep in touch with those who are shut in or ill.

Old Business:

Phone calls by vestry – Calls were well received and people appreciated the call. The vestry will continue these calls every 2 weeks.

New Business:

Graduates – Lynne Roberts suggested we do a car caravan past the homes of all our grads in the area. Judy LaPorta will contact the parents of the grads to see if they approve. Dates tentatively set are Wed. June 3rd from 6-8 and Sunday, June 7th from 2-4.

Rector's Report

Fr. Georges reminded the vestry that Fr. Mark should be addressed as Father Mark, not Mark. The wardens have been working the past 2-3 weeks on reopening the church. We are hoping for 6/14 or 6/21. Our plan must be approved by the vestry and then the Bishop before we can set an official date.

Donna Hill moved that the meeting be adjourned, Liane O'Keefe seconded, and the motion carried.

After a closing prayer from Fr. Mark, the meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy LaPorta
Vestry clerk