

September 22, 2022 – 5:00 PM
Holy Faith Vestry
Youth Room, Conkey Hall
The Church of the Holy Faith

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Van Swift, Vann Bynum, Steven Berkshire, Chris Frenk, Ruth Rael, Peter Lockyer, Charles Rountree

MEMBERS ABSENT: Walter Sterling, Mark Everett

- **Call to Order**

Van called the meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM and led the Vestry in prayer.

- **Acceptance of the Agenda**

Vann moved, and Charles seconded acceptance of the agenda. *Carried unanimously.*

- **Disposition of the August 25th, 2022 Vestry Minutes**

Chris moved, and Ruth seconded the acceptance of the Minutes for the August 25th, 2022 Vestry meeting. *Carried unanimously.*

- **Ratification of Electronic Vote on Mask-Optional Policy and Return to Common Cup**

The Diocese has allowed each parish to develop guidelines for wearing masks and returning to the common cup. On September 13th, Van circulated an email requesting Vestry approval for a mask-optional policy and a full return to the common cup. By consensus, the Vestry approved. Charles moved, and Steven seconded affirmation of the electronic vote

- **August 2022 Financial Reports – Steven Berkshire**

Steven began his report by expressing concern over rising expenses. While contributions were up in August, operating expenses have also risen over past the few months. Offerings and other income for August totaled \$81,157. Operating expenses for August totaled \$103,910 resulting in an operating deficit of \$(24,753). Netted with other income and expenses, August ends with a deficit of \$(28,352). The Parish has a cumulative deficit of \$(87,827). The cash balances at August month-end total \$541K:

• Century Bank	\$199K
• First Citizens	\$140K
• Sunflower	\$ 2.5K
• Sunflower Money Market	\$237K

The cash balances for all accounts, as reported on August 24th, was \$588,362

In discussion, it was noted that extra help has been required to complete projects such as the garden. It was also noted that the approval process of ongoing expenses will be reviewed in the upcoming Executive Committee meeting with the goal of closer scrutiny.

The Vestry accepted the August Financial Statements as recommended by the Finance Committee, unanimously.

- **Junior Warden's Report – Vann Bynum**

Vann reported that he does not anticipate costs for approved projects to exceed the funds available. With the exception of touch-ups, the carpeting, painting, and baseboard projects have been completed. The air conditioning installation has begun and should be finished in November. A cleaning of the Good Shephard window and repairs to the St Hilda window is scheduled for November. He also noted that there are new furniture requests pending for Mtr Lynn and for Godly Play.

Vann updated the Vestry on the use of a security drive-through. The service conducts a drive-through twice each night. An incident was reported where an individual, who had been asked not to be on the property, had returned repeatedly. The security service asked the individual to leave on the occasions where the security service found them on the property.

In discussion, Vann reported that the air conditioning being installed is a heat pump and it may be possible to use the system for heating the Sanctuary. In the event the system can adequately heat the Sanctuary, there will be no need to use the radiant heating provided by the boilers. This is especially important since the age of the boilers is a concern and they will need replacing at some point.

- **Senior Warden's Report – Van Swift**

Van reported that there was a good turnout for the Parish picnic. Especially gratifying was the number of children who attended. With that in mind, Van is working with the Parish leadership to develop programs and events for children.

Upcoming events include the Pet Blessing on October 2nd, the Ministry Fair on October 30th, 'Trunk or Treat' followed by a showing of 'Coco' (also on the 30th), and the 'Women's Spirituality' series on the Virgin Mary.

- **Other Business**

There being no further business, Van closed the meeting with prayer at 5:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Rountree