

Vestry Meeting Minutes for September 16, 2021

Next meeting: October 21, 2021

Members Attending: Megan Bartlett, Julie Daye (*left early*), Amy Grant, Bob Jenkins, Jaime Konowal, Candace Roberts, Nils VanAmmers
Absent: Barbara Chilcott, Koshy Mathews, Jim Ufheil, Jerry Walker,
Guests: Jill Duink, Christine Pickup

Virtual Meeting on Zoom

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Vestry Check-In		Jaime
Opening Prayer		Jaime
Consent Agenda Approved		Approved

OLD BUSINESS

Swedish History Books	Blue books have been delivered! Currently in the Rectory basement. Swedish Colonial Society is offering free shipping, but the Square store is not currently set up for variable shipping rates. Candy had to set all items offered in the store for free shipping. This includes the Lucia items.	
Rector Search Update	<p>The Profile Committee had its first meeting on September 2nd. It was agreed that the next meeting will be after the healing program.</p> <p><u>Healing Program</u> - Bud Holland has agreed to lead the congregation in healing conversations. The plan is to have two sessions, giving people from the congregation a chance to talk about feelings and frustrations that we have with each other and past events. There is concern that people won't attend the sessions. Megan said we need to be proactive and seek out the people who are hurt and those who have stopped coming to church altogether.</p> <p>Outstanding Questions: Saturdays in October? In person or on Zoom?</p>	
Bond of Care Update	Bond of Care raised \$4698 which includes a \$500 grant, plus a \$2,500 donation from the bishop. 51 students were assisted. There was a video call with some of the students. 4-5 told stories. Two videos will be created, one for our use, another for DIOPA. Someone from DIOPA was on the call, she was in charge of the grant committee. DIOPA is very happy with how this turned out.	
Storage of Archives	Almost all archives are now in the Roak basement, which is not climate controlled. The American Philosophical Society stores historical documents for various organizations, although the documents must be accessible for anyone who does research at APS. Nils knows someone at APS and Amy knows someone at Carpenter Hall which stores documents at APS. Bob asked what it would cost to make the room where documents are currently being stored in Roak climate-controlled.	Nils and Amy will talk to their contacts regarding cost of APS.
Executive Session		

NEW BUSINESS

<p>Green Committee Proposal - Renewal Electricity Supply Contract</p>	<p>The Green Committee proposed that we change our electricity supplier from Green Mountain to another renewable electricity supplier. Green Mountain has switched us to a variable rate and has poor customer service.</p> <p>Information was provided about renewable electricity suppliers - Clean Energy and Energy Co-op (See GC proposal in vestry packet). Clean Energy offers the best price at @\$2,600 per year more than the Peco rate and offers a one year contract. Energy Co-op is a small, local co-op which is more transparent than Clean Energy and supports local renewable energy projects. It offers a national and local program, both of which are more expensive than Clean Energy.</p> <p>The Green Committee proposed selecting Clean Energy for a one-year, fixed-rate contract and offered to help pay the additional amount for Clean Energy with Green Committee funds up to \$2,600. However, Candy proposed that we select the national plan with Energy Co-op, with the Green Committee funding \$2,600 and Gloria Dei paying for the rest. It was moved to switch to the Energy Co-Op National Plan, a one year, fixed rate contract and that \$2,600 be transferred from Green Committee to the general budget.</p>	<p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>HGDPC - Sacristy and Steeple</p>	<p>Candy, on behalf of HGDPC, proposed hiring Materials Conservation to paint the entrance to the sacristy for \$3,500. There is a hole in the door, leaving it open to the weather. In addition, the steeple is in urgent need of painting to seal it from the elements before winter. HGDPC would like to hire EV-AIR-TIGHT to paint the steeple as soon as possible. The cost is \$19,375. HGDPC currently has \$10,000 in the bank and is expecting a \$14,000-\$17,000 reimbursement from the Keystone Grant in October and will use this to reimburse Gloria Dei, as well as additional money from fundraising as required.</p> <p>It was moved that Gloria Dei will advance the funds for both these projects.</p>	<p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>Donations and Grants Received</p>	<p><u>Gloria Campisi Will</u> - \$20,000 came from her estate, possibly with more to follow. This, together with the previously received \$60,00 will go toward roof replacement.</p> <p><u>City of Philadelphia</u> - \$3,000 Grant for performance of O Brother Where Art Thou.</p>	
<p>Flea Market</p>	<p>A Fall Flea Market is planned for October 16, 2021 from 8 AM to 3 PM. Everything will be outdoors, with no activities in Riverside Hall. Food trucks will provide food for sale. Vendor spaces will be six feet apart. Mask wearing will be requested.</p>	
<p>Property Report</p>	<p>YCCA painted one door blue without asking Gloria Dei. They will be asked to return it to the original color. It was noted that a new rental contract will soon be due. We would also like to discuss energy saving strategies with them at this time.</p>	<p>We will ask Lisa Reeves to contact them regarding these matters.</p>
<p>Closing Prayer</p>		<p>Jaime</p>