

June Vestry Meeting / June 23rd, 2019

Present Vestry Members, Staff, and Parishioners:

Claire Losardo, Marilyn Larson Genie Davis, Brett Hardison, Chris Odom, Rev. Greg Warren, Rev. Peggy Cromwell, Jeff Aulgar, Melissa Courtway, Taylor Tennison

Chris Odom called the meeting to order at 1:02pm.

The meeting was opened with prayer led by the Rev. Peggy Cromwell.

- Review / Approval of April Vestry minutes
 - A motion to approve the April Vestry minutes was made by Genie Davis
 - Seconded by Brett Hardison.
 - A unanimous vote in favor of approving April's Vestry minutes.
- Offsite Key Topic Updates
 - Community Outreach/ Food Pantry by Rev. Peggy Cromwell
 - Meeting over Memorial Day weekend
 - "Needs" focused
 - School supplies for back to school
 - Guatemala 501 c3 by Jeff Aulgar
 - Meeting on June 25th
 - Formal proposal coming in July
 - 5 person mission headed back to Guatemala in August
 - \$2,000 to be released for expenses for August trip
 - Motion to form a Guatemala Missions freestanding 501 c3 was made by Marilyn Larson
 - Seconded by Melissa Courtway.
 - A unanimous vote in favor of approving the formation of a Guatemala Missions freestanding 501 c3.
 - SPARC/Arts Outreach by Chris Odom
 - Art instillation review
 - Being broken down on June 24th
 - Art classes are continuing, doing well.
 - The Parish Hall will be repainted in the coming weeks thanks to an anonymous donor.
 - Scholarship in the works to send a child to Camp Mitchell Art Camp.
 - The Labyrinth has been moved into the SPARC.
 - May 1st on Labyrinth Day
 - A 10 Talk was given
 - Solar lights to be installed during main points in the liturgical year (Easter, Christmas, etc.)

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- Mission, Vision, Logo coming soon!
- Small Groups by Peggy Cromwell
 - 2 new groups forming
 - Curriculum being introduced in the fall
- Junior Warden Report
 1. Air Conditioning Unit for Choir Room/Children's Room/Ten Talks \$3,800
 - The unit above the sacristy is on it's last leg. It was installed in October of 1993. We need to use it sparingly this summer, leave that thermostat at 73, but rely on the new units in the balcony to supply cool air for the nave and chancel. The lobby unit's heater is dead, but the ac is working, for now.
 - We have 13 units on the property, **4** are 2 years old, the **Morgan House** is 7 (?) years old, **2** are 25 years old, **3** 22 years old, the **2** units in the parish hall are 26 years old. The old food pantry unit is 10 years old, but not large enough to be transferred to another area.
 - A Work Day is scheduled for the church grounds for July 27th
 2. Move Pet Columbarium to Morgan House to level area in front of John's office to prevent flooding.
 - \$300, plus sign or plaque at the Morgan House.
 3. Library repainted, new carpet, new chairs.
 - \$5000 allotment from designated memorials from Elizabeth Pope.
 4. Parish Hall Repainted.
 - \$1000, anonymous donor already paid for it.
 5. Move History Monument from in front of Parish Hall to Lobby Entrance.
 6. Lobby Windows need new weather stripping.
 7. Narthex Mitchell Entrance Red Doors need new weather stripping.
 8. Morgan House needs power washing
 9. Morgan House front tree (with the yellow chain) needs new border around dirt plot and landscaped.
 10. Parish Hall/Chapel Sign above Parish Hall doors needs to be replaced.
 11. Lobby sink faucet needs to be replaced (not the whole sink)

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12. New Blinds for all Education Building windows. (or take them all down)

13. New Outside Signage. Greg, John and Jacob working on design. Maybe use Memorial Funds. \$1,800

14. Office Area carpet needs to be shampooed.

15. Birdhouse light needs to be adjusted, or pole replaced, starting to lean to the north.

- One major issue that hasn't been discussed, is the Parish Hall roof, it is 27 years old, but is in ok shape due to the large trees protecting it. The roofers used nails that were too long, and punctured the ceiling in a couple of places. This is what is causing the discoloring of the ceiling. I have called our Insurance Company and had two adjusters come out to inspect it, both have said that insurance will not cover the cost of a new roof or cover the cost of the damaged ceiling. So, we are looking at needing to replace that roof soon, replace the water-damaged parts of the ceiling, and repaint the whole ceiling.
- Staff Update
 - Bookkeeper/Associate
 - Bookkeeper has been hired- doing well!
 - Peggy started at Associate Transitional Deacon
 - Reporting Structure
 - Kelly & Heidi reporting to Peggy
 - Kevin & Tammy reporting to John
- Deacon Report
 - Beginning July 21, and continuing every 3rd Sunday of the month, an ongoing support group for those who have experienced the loss of someone and would benefit from the support of others, will be held in Morgan House from 2:00 – 4:00. I will facilitate discussion; however, the support comes from sharing with those who have experienced grief recently or at any time. Grief has no time boundaries.

Several factors about this group are important:

- It is not the structured Mourner's Path (MP) 8-week program, nor does it take the place of it
- It is a way to provide ongoing support either before participation in the MP program or after
- One doesn't have to be committed to the MP program to participate
- The grief support group is designed to allow individuals to come as they need to do so

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- The necessity for such a support system has become very evident to me as individuals ask me to start another MP group soon or they have been through the program and need extra support at critical times of their lives. I have set up one-on-one meetings with those parishioners who need it and would like to do that. However, I strongly advocate support through peer groups that are led by trained facilitators and/or clergy. I will advertise soon.
- Peggy and I have been involved in training and preparation of our Community of Hope (COH) lay chaplaincy program in disaster relief. The Episcopal arm of the Disaster Relief for the state, has asked us to use our COH volunteers to provide pastoral care and financial help to those coming to the Wesley Methodist Church Center on Monday and Tuesday (June 24-25) from 10:00 – 8:00 pm. The Diocese is providing 60 Wal-Mart Cards for us to distribute, each with a value of \$50. Our mission is to listen and assess their needs and possibly make further referrals.
- 3. The Brown Bag Book Club has gotten off to a ‘rousing’ start. We had sixteen attend the first meeting of our reading of Holy Envy; Finding God in the Face of Others, by Barbara Brown Taylor.
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- April Financials/MTD Status
 - Motion to approve the April Financial Report made by Brett Hardison
 - Seconded by Jeff Aulgar.
 - Unanimous vote in favor of approving the April Financial Report.
- VBS (Vacation Bible Service)
 - July 24th-27th
 - Volunteer centered
- May Vestry Counters
 - June 30th: Melissa Courtway & Genie Davis
 - July 7th: Brett Hardison & Carolyn Scott
 - July 14th: Chris Odom & Kristina Ward
 - July 21st: Marilyn Larson & Jeff Aulgar
 - July 28th: Genie Davis & Brett Hardison
- Next Vestry Meeting: July 28th, 2019

Meeting was dismissed at 3:08pm.