

Vestry Minutes

Thursday, June 27, 2024 6:30 PM

Attending: Angela Breeher, Ed Rahe, Justin Vitale, James Ammon, Laura Renshaw Maddie Nador, Darian Wigfall (ex officio), Rebecca Ragland (ex officio)

Absent: Tom Schroeder, Karen Watts

Opening RR 5 Minutes

Fundamentals DW 5 Minutes

Appoint a volunteer to keep time and keep us on topic – ER

Assign a minute taker RR

*Approve May meeting agenda (ER,MN, Unanimous)

*Read/review/ Approve May minutes (JA, ER, Unanimous)

Motion to accept audit as presented in May: JA, ER, all aye but one abstention

Executive Director 15 Minutes

- Heigham House updates (- one little kilz issue in LR, Combs family donated furniture, it's basically ready. International institute will provide the majority of household items, Angela has a large mirror for mantel, International Institute has lease from COEDMO, occupancy is ready all is ready. JC worked on NE exterior wall, getting quotes on installation of central air, kitchen is cleaned.

motion to approve COEDMO Lease – HH

Motion to approve lease from COEDMO for HH: Motion to accept lease with removal of footnotes, AB, MN, unanimous,

- Discussion on pew re-positioning – Evan Smith – he isn't able to remove pews, recommended ReFab as a potential place to do this job, Goebel Furniture – might be more expensive, ES will continue to think about options for changes. Phase 1 still in process.

Phase 2: will be returning the half size pews and folding chairs, permanent removal of long pews that are in poor condition Phase 3 addition of better seating.

JV named concerns raised by Cindy Combs re: curtain – in front: would it affect acoustics? Concerns about why are we hiding our chancel? Stone buildings are inviting – even when they look like a church – but the interior iconography can be pretty reminding of colonialism – and

that could be a turn off. We are not necessarily like that, but that could be a draw back. JA: not trying to cover up who we are as much as utilize the building/space for other formats. IE – use for a wedding – the space was limiting due to static chairs and set up, so flexibility can ensure future rentals. As soon as we get a firm date on removal, we need to make sure the community knows!

- Kelton White Grant prep – Monday – 1/15 working on that -RR/DW

Treasurer 10 minutes

- * May report
- * **Accept financials for May 2024 – motion to accept: there is a type-O but TS knows it AB/JV unanimous**
- Stewardship update
- **Discuss 2025 Budget draft**

AB raised a point on the vestry resolution designated a limit to miscellaneous gifts received Vestry would designate to where they should go.

AB raised concerns about the wisdom naming donors and the amount they gave;

Sr. Warden's Report

- Staffing proposal (see attached)
 - The church's two desktop computers are not able to move to Windows 11 - terminal date: October 2025 AB suggested there are corporations who might donate computer equipment to us, James can help off-line. Tech Soup is a discount concern.

Jr. Warden 5 minutes

- Update on smoke detectors and cameras – there is a new camera for the alley/back entrance of the church, it will be powered by a solar panel; smoke detectors in sanctuary and one in the Common room. So our cameras will pick up beeps from detectors and contact us. AB asked about smoke detectors – what kind are there, and how many: they are normal and Co2 residential detectors – 2 in sanctuary, and already have in Common Room. Camera's hear alarm, alert gets sent out.

Rector 15 Minutes

- The possibility of offering a parishioner the position as social media specialist at 2 hrs per week (\$20 per hour?)
- Inform the Vestry and congregation about the Tri-Church idea

Staffing proposal – JA proposed Paragraph 2 increase to \$1K, don't want to disincentivize people.

Building Use form – Motion to approve the building use: ER, JA, unanimous

Ed Rahe, departed.

Other Business: DW raised a concern that there is an outlet on the back of the sign that is used to charge a phone by about 50 people a week. Is there possibility of installing a charging station. They leave stuff all over the yard. People are comfortable hanging out in front of our yard. What is a charging station? Metal stand with outlets in it, and people can charge – weather proof power bar? Four foot tall bar. Where would it be? AB suggested we might add water. Charging/wifi and fresh water? Benches near entrance could provide those services? Shade and security. Easier from the sanctuary side. Utility cost could be included. JA will look for the industrial equipment;

AB – prayers for Betty Breeher, fell and broke her hip.

Next Meeting **July 28, 1:30 PM** in person at St. Paul's; bring a dish?

Attachments: May Meeting Minutes, May financial statements, Guidelines for Kitchen and Common Room, COEMO Lease for HH, Staffing Proposal,