

Vestry Minutes  
May 24, 2022  
6:00 PM Prayers and Holy Communion at the altar  
6:30 PM Church Library & Zoom

**Present:** Rev. Lisa Musser, Mark Johnson, Katie Kinney, Andy Kitchell, Joe Butler, Dorothy Sullivan, Judy Gregory, Lisa Blank, Bob Brunswig, Jim DeMersseman, Linda Springer

**Absent:** Margaret Grant, Stewart Abbot (excused)

**Guests:** Herrick Garnsey on Zoom

**Meeting called to order at 6:32**

**Prayer**

Meditation – Dorothy shared thoughts about her trip with her daughter to Montana for her granddaughter’s college graduation. Reminders of HOPE, CARING and COMMUNITY.

Prayer – Rev. Lisa Musser, prayer from Dean of St John’s Cathedral in response to the tragedy in Uvalde, TX  
Lord’s Prayer said by all.

**Correspondence**

Card from Chloe Rastatter – thanks for Outreach donation for her Water is Life project in Reynosa, Mexico.

Letter from Juarez mission – thanks for continued support.

**Additions to the Agenda**

Vestry covenant - This will be placed in the “discussion” section of the agenda.

**Approve consent agenda**

Minutes of April 26, 2022 and April Financial report – Motion to approve by Joe, second by Dorothy, passed, one opposed.

**Business**

Clerk of the Vestry still an open position

Volunteer for June meeting minutes – Dorothy will take the minutes in June

Wee Love – Two leases will be presented to Wee Love for the upcoming year. One lease is for June, July and August for \$400 (June – half day Summer School program, \$300, July and August - \$50 per month for access and storage.) Second lease is for September 2022 through May 2023 for full time preschool program at \$600 per month. Much discussion regarding this business relationship. Motion to execute the leases – Joe made the motion and Linda seconded. Motion was passed, two opposed.

**Discussion**

Music and Organ update – glorious music on Sunday, even with only a portion of the organ. 16-foot pipe has been made and will arrive mid-June to be installed and the project will be completed.

Budget shortfall – Directory access is available for anyone who wants it. People need to contact Sabrina if they want a copy. This may help us connect with our members to encourage participation. Attendance is improving. Deficit is not as drastic as it could be, but we are entering into the summer slowdown.

Property Committee update on the water share – Bob reported on the application that Stewart presented to the Diocese for approval. We are hoping to have approval by June so we can proceed with the potential sale. We may need support from an attorney – suggestions were Chrys Hinze or Tom Grant.

Motion from Finance Committee to the Property Committee to lease the water to said farmer at our cost until the deal is finalized. This is not an option since the farmer is not yet part of the irrigation company.

Vestry Covenant – Why has it been omitted? Rev. Lisa explained that it needs to be updated and reworked through a vestry retreat. It is not part of the by-laws. It was started by Jack at the beginning of his tenure due to the struggles of our church. It was suggested that instead of a special vestry covenant, we could live and use our Baptismal covenant. Further discussion will take place at a future vestry retreat.

**Decision** – no decisions

### **Reports**

Treasurer – Last month was a wonderful month. It was Easter. We are better financially than we thought we would be. We need to raise some money to cover the additional expenses for the organ. We have received a large check and another commitment for a designated donation for the organ. An additional \$37,000 is needed to complete the project. There was discussion about budgeting for future upkeep of the organ.

We need to continue to work on ways to improve our financial situation. We discussed how to make this happen. There is a need for engagement, communication, inclusion, authentic community (racial reconciliation, LGBTQ+ community). More discussion about the accessibility of the directory. The congregation is notified of the availability of the directory via the E-pistle.

Junior Warden – Mark worked with TraMar, to learn about the mechanical upkeep of our heating/cooling system. The thermostat in the narthex is not compatible with the sensors that even out the temperatures between the rooms. It will cost about \$700 to fix the problem. Jesus and his kids helped trim the bushes on the north side of the church.

Senior Warden – Not present

Rector – Rev. Lisa reported that there has been a noticeable change in atmosphere in the church since Easter. At least 3 new households have joined us. She will be out June 6 – 10 for vacation. Trinity Sunday 6/12/22 – We will celebrate with a parish picnic. Sign up will begin next week. Need help to grill, set up, clean up.

**Closing** – The meeting was closed with Joe sharing a personal story of the existence of God in his life. Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

### **Dates**

Pentecost 6/5/22

Trinity Sunday 6/12/22

Finance Committee 6/15/22

Vestry 6/28/22