

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany

Vestry Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2022

In Attendance:

Vestry - Erin Braden, Paul Hinson, Richard Messner, Lisa Daily, Peter Dodge, Liefy Smith, John Wierwille, Kaylie Gibbs, Paige Howell, Susan Ashmore, & April Maa

Clergy - Amy Dills-Moore

Ex officio - Shelle Bryant, Randy Shearin, & Sherry Wallace

Absent: Bert Bender & Nicole Lambelet

Prayer:

Amy opened with a prayer.

New Business:

Additional HVAC Fundraising:

The cost of the new HVAC system is approximately \$170,000 higher than originally estimated.

The finance committee recommended the following for vestry consideration:

- Alongside an update for the parish about the progress that's been made, the vestry would explain the new estimate and invite those who have already pledged to increase their pledge to help cover the additional costs. We would also make it known that new pledges are welcome.
- If the entire additional amount is not raised, vestry should consider reallocating the unused capital campaign funds from the last capital campaign (approximately \$65,000 after the remaining mortgage is paid). This would require going back to 5-10 donors to request their permission to reallocate their original capital campaign donations to this HVAC project

Consensus was reached during discussion that the first focus of the fundraising messaging will be to invite folks who have not yet pledged to make a pledge. Increases in existing pledges from those who have already committed will also be gratefully accepted. If the shortfall is not fully covered by additional pledges plus the unused capital campaign funds, the parish will borrow to cover the difference. A vote was taken on the motion. Ten voted in favor, one abstained, and the motion passed.

Little Forest Preschool:

The Little Forest Preschool has requested that we allow their 5-8 year old class to operate for an additional two hours each day, assuming that they meet the accreditation standards. Erin moved that we agree with their going forward with this plan. Paige seconded, and all voted in favor.

Space for Technology Equipment:

The technology equipment for streaming services is currently in the Flower Guild room. It is interfering with Flower Guild activity and is at risk for being damaged. The AV Guild recommended that the equipment be moved to the Oratory. It could sit on a rolling cart so that it could be moved when the space is used for its created use. The vestry had no objections to this change.

Updated VPOD Duties:

The VPOD checklist and duties have been updated. Mentors should meet with new members to review responsibilities before or during their first assignments as VPOD.

Upcoming events include:

- March 1 – Shrove Tuesday pancake supper
- March 2 – Ash Wednesday
- March 20 – Vestry meeting

The meeting ended with a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Wallace
Clerk of the Vestry