

**Palmer Vestry Meeting
August 20, 2019**

Vestry Present:

Jim Key
Burdett Keeland
Randy Byrd
Rita Justice
Al Hergenroeder
Victor Lamas
Shannon Westin
Kristie Van Arsdel
Linda Sylvan
Priscilla Plumb
Susannah Webb

Vestry Absent:

Jennifer Macia
Gretta Boshara
Steve Killworth
Barbara Hass

Clergy Present:

Neil Willard
Liz Parker
David

Vestry meeting started at 5:30 and ended at 6:40. There was an opening prayer and community sharing and the minutes of the June meeting were approved.

Financial Report:

Jim Key announced that the income through July was ahead of expenses. There was a question of the line item for the payment from the Endowment. The Endowment provides \$175,000 per year as income and those payments are made two times annually. So that income is not reported on a monthly basis.

Evangelism:

Shannon gave the Evangelism Committee report. The committee met and will start meeting four times per year. However, there is a considerable amount of evangelism activity occurring in the church in spite of not having recent committee meetings. The backbone of evangelism has been Roger Hutchison and Randy. Activities include: Pride Parade, Vacation Bible School, a huge success with many non-parishioners bringing their children; meals served at the church; a first Sunday lunch with a reception which to a large extent has been orchestrated by Roger Hutchison and his family. Once Sunday School starts we will need staffing for the tent outside the church. There will be a greeters' orientation this Sunday.

There were updates on the most recent Serve Sunday activities.

The new vestry will begin in January 2020. The nominating committee for the next year's vestry will consist of the outgoing members and the rector as ex-officio. There are 10 nominees needed. The Nominations Committee process for 2020 starts in November.

Liz gave an update on the Palmers Assisting Re-entry Program. 18 people attended the last meeting, a dinner at Caleb house for re-entering inmates who said their biggest need is now tier 2 housing, where they live after they go through transitional living. Palmer will consider supporting this in the future. Jim Key pointed out that Palmer Church provides 20% of the rent at Palmer Place and Palmer Place signs the lease. The church spends about \$10,000 per year on this ministry. Barbara gave a presentation about a ministry that has raised \$1,525 for teaching women to sew in Uganda. John Wallace is working on transferring that money so we lose as little as possible in the exchange rates.

Stewardship:

Linda Sylvan gave an update on Stewardship. In addition to weekly presentations by various parishioners leading up to Covenant Sunday, there are also plans for presentations to be made by parishioners once a month throughout the year.

Worship Council:

Victor gave an update on the Worship Council. It will reconvene for the year on September 5 followed by 2 weeks of acolyte training. The Taize service started last Wednesday at 6 PM.

Junior Warden:

Burdett gave the Junior Warden's report: all work so far is still under budget. He indicated that the water heater needs replacement, which will cost \$7,000, which will be taken out of the miscellaneous fund which had \$8000 in its budget. Also:

- The benches outside need sanding and David Wantland suggested this would be a good scout project.
- Bob Ittner and the Tellepsens are working on the Rose garden. Renderings have been drawn including a tribute to their son, Mark, and to Stuart and Angie Kensinger.
- There are small leaks in the roof and repairs will be done depending on the budget. The chimney at the rectory needs to be repaired but we have to see how stewardship goes before we allot money for that.

Rector:

Neil gave his report. Rally Day is this Sunday; the evening service for the Rice college students will begin at 5:30 this Sunday; regular worship service times resume on September 8. The new rose garden dedication will be on October 13.

Communications Council:

The Communications Council report was given by Priscilla. She presented a hand out that will be available at Rally Day and at the welcome table.

Associate Rectors:

Liz gave the associate director report. Re: pastoral care: shut-ins are now being visited two times a month in addition to receiving the Eucharist. Pastoral care is now meeting monthly. They want to add four more trained people; and, four more people signed up to be Stephen Ministers.

David Wantland gave his report which included a review of Jerusalem Peace Builders (JPB). It was a hectic and busy week for JPB but the meeting was a success. He passed around a survey for Rally Day and edits were suggested.

Jim Key pointed out that Steve Killworth has been asked to look into the Palmer policies and procedures manual.