

**Vestry Minutes**  
**Meeting Date: July 21, 2022**

**Meeting Convened @ 6:36 via ZOOM**

Opening Prayer led by Pastor Steve

In attendance: Pastor Steve, Brooke Lau, Kris Eckert, Karen Davenport, Cheryle Kahl, Scott Satterly, Lori Simon, Ann Farrell. Not in attendance: Pam Sherry and Jim Smith (excused with notice).

I. **Approval of Minutes:** minutes were approved by all in attendance.

II. **Special Announcement:**

- A. Marchea's baby girl born this morning—Elyse.
- B. All agreed that a gift will be presented.
- C. Delivered restaurant dinner will be coordinated by Pastor Steve and Ann Farrell.
- D. Coverage for Marchea needed earlier than anticipated. Hannia will print bulletins for Sunday.
  - 1. Hannia can cover 1-4 on Monday/Weds./Friday @\$20 an hour
  - 2. Hannia not available Tuesday and Thursday.
  - 3. Hours may need to be shortened.
  - 5. Robocall announcement about Marchea's baby and need for volunteers to help cover holes in schedule will be made.

III. **Bookkeeper Search**

- A. Committee met and consensus was that Marchea was best candidate for bookkeeping—she is willing.
- B. Suggestion that offer be made to Hannia
- C. Scott Satterly will check on possible high school co-op student to help Marchea.
- D. Clarification that CPA does the treasurer reports—(Lori)
- E. Karen Davenport reached out to Michelle Boren, a CPA, who quoted \$300 per month to do reports.
- F. CPA or firm would serve as Treasurer
- G. Clarification needed as to what \$300 includes. Tax returns also?

IV. **Updates**

- A. Library Boxes
  - 1. Brooke reported that David and Mia have the base coat on and will have boxes completed by August 20.
  - 2. Some sort of commemorative ceremony needed after installed
  - 3. Recognition to painters suggested

B. Crossroads Lunch—August 17 (Theresa Wakim)

1. Scott will check with Ann Farrell to fill in any needs
2. Ann has contacted people interested in participating
3. Kris Eckert will make announcement at 10:30 service
4. Crossroads wants to partner with other churches
5. Presentation and discussion on August 21.

C. Pride Parade

1. Grace is approved to rent booth
2. Event will take place Friday/Saturday from 8-9.

D. Outreach Room

1. Lori Simon recommends Sherry works under Gay Gillespie
2. Gay agreed to buy shelving units from pantry fund.
3. Lori questioned need for shelving units and recommended that an experienced person needs to be in charge.
4. Sherry is implementing in/out clipboard system to track items in room
5. Pastor Steve suggested that a loose change offering or donation Sunday could be designated for outreach room needs.
6. Fund is already established for this purpose.

E. McRest is taking over Warming Center

1. Some discussion on funds given from Warming Center to McRest not being reciprocated.
2. Butler/McRest fund needs to be separate.
3. Discussion on what should be done with Warming Center funds—possibly rename?
4. Lori needs help for Warming Center—culture change needed to move from individual responsibility to group responsibility
5. Suggestion to partner with another church such as Kensington
6. Lori suggests to table for now and revisit
7. Pastor Steve will check with Gary re: accounting issues

F. Ministry Liaison

1. Sunday Supper 5th Sunday July 31
2. Four helpers needed
3. Kirsten's dinner fund was low, however, she just received a grant from the diocese.

G. Tech—Kris

1. People having trouble logging into LiveStream
2. Random issue with FaceBook
3. Kris will troubleshoot on Saturday

H. Prayer Group—Karen

1. Cards are sent out to @50 prayer list members—many needs.

I. Book Club—Cheryle

1. Successful meeting and lively discussion on *The Silent Patient*  
2. Group met in Guild Room—great place to gather—need for blinds to shade afternoon sun—Cheryle will ask Ann Strelve about where other church blinds were purchased.

3. Next book — *Washington Black* by Eli Edugyan

4. Next meeting Aug. 25 @ 6:00 P.M.

J. Buildings and Grounds—Lori

1. Lori reported that roof and bell tower estimates are coming in  
a. Ann says they are between \$42,000 and \$51,000  
b. Buildings and Grounds will vote for best estimate, and vestry will approve.  
2. Problem with thermostat in Parish Hall—cooling to very low temps.  
3. Money being wasted  
4. Suggestion that thermostat needs to be reprogrammed and key to thermostat needs to be relocated.  
5. Parish Hall can be set to 76 degrees to align with sanctuary.  
6. Larry from buildings and grounds will do this.  
7. Back door reportedly wouldn't lock and needed a key. Will investigate.  
8. Pastor Steve shared that he has seen Sonitrol being used in many places—trusted company.

K. General Convention—Pastor Steve

1. Pastor Steve has been working for many years at the Episcopal Church General Convention, which takes place every three years—this year in Baltimore, MD  
2. Clarification was discussed on women's reproductive rights  
3. Powerful reparations presentation given by Bishop of Maryland  
4. Deputation from Michigan wants to give back money as Maryland did  
5. Maryland had all congregants look at their own personal background and determine if they had benefitted in some way by the institution of slavery—much research was done.  
6. Suggestion that reparations presentation be watched by vestry at a breakfast. Check with Treasurer re: available funds.  
7. Other discussion at convention regarding possible reparations to Native Americans and indigenous people for Episcopal boarding schools of the past that sought to Christianize and Westernize—possible abuse.

L. Outreach Breakfast

1. Ideally would involve all congregations in Mount Clemens  
2. Collaborative

### **III. Treasurer's Report**

- A. Question—what is In/Out 3060 for \$22,000?
- B. Lori moved to accept, seconded by Kris —all approve

### **IV. Other New Business**

A. REALM—Lori brought up that tutorial is needed. Many don't know how to use.

- B. Provisions for Elderly? (Lori)
  - 1. Pastor Steve clarified that this falls under Pastoral Care
  - 2. Pastoral Care team meets every other week.
  - 3. Names are divided
  - 4. Jill monitors prayer list
  - 5. People are seen once or twice a month
  - 6. Others are welcome to join

### **V. Closing Prayer—Pastor Steve**

Meeting adjourned 8:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryle Kahl  
Substitute Clerk for July 2022