

## St. Philip's in the Hills Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

6:00 pm

Attended in person: Sunny Bal, Mary Paul, Beth Brouillette, Lynne Chrisenberry, Robert Couch, Mary Herring, Gary Huckleberry

Attended electronically: Fr. Robert Hendrickson, Bruce Larsen, James Prescott-Smith

Absent: Christopher Fullerton, Amy Fairchild Haer, Page Chancellor Marks, Jonah Harwood, Alistair McCallum

Senior Warden Sunny Bal opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:00 pm.

Mary Herring led a discussion on SERVE, one of the Seven Ways of Discipleship. The group discussed how the Vestry, as leaders, can create opportunities for those who are being served to serve themselves.

Beth Brouillette announced that the Certificate of Corporate Resolution has been signed by the Senior and Junior Wardens and the Treasurer, and will be certified by the Secretary.

Bob Stanton, Pastoral Care Coordinator, briefed the Vestry on Pastoral Care activities. Bob's primary responsibility is organizing the Eucharistic Visitors' Ministry. There are currently 8 full time Eucharistic Visitors, 1 standby, and 2 out of town. The EVs serve people at five different facilities for those with dementia, terminal illnesses, assisted living, homebound and in rehab. The ministry is looking for new LEVs and for people who can help connect the Ministry to additional locations. Bob himself is seeing 20-30 people a week by himself. One facility requested a Bible study; Richard Kuns agreed to take a Bible study class to Hacienda at the River. There is a great need for outreach in this arena. An eventual successor to Bob needs to be identified and trained. The Eucharist field requires training, and can be done at St. Philip's by its chapter of Community of Hope. The Good Shepherd visitors' ministry (visitors to those 90+) is very successful and requires no training. Fr. Robert asked if this may be a good ministry for winter visitors, who may be looking for a way to connect and become involved. Bob replied that it is essential for dementia patients that relationships be established and built over time to provide consistency and continuity in the lives of the patients. The least amount of change possible will benefit dementia patients the most. Bob Couch asked if other churches have similar ministries; St. Alban's combined with St. Philip's to establish a Community of Hope, but there is a shortage of participating churches as well as volunteers who are willing to participate. Sunny Bal thanked Bob for his work, and Robert Hendrickson thanked him for his leadership.

Bob Couch presented an informational briefing on the ongoing space analysis. The analysis is a tool to help determine the best and most efficient use of the space and furniture in the Children's Center, the current staff offices, and La Parroquia. The current analysis proposes five alternatives and lists the advantages and disadvantages of each of the alternatives. Two significant additions to the analysis are: 1) the possibility of purchasing The Beginning School when the current owner retires, self-operating the school, and allowing those rooms to be used for Sunday School, and 2) the possibility of establishing a thrift store in La Parroquia. Ideas can be submitted to Bob Couch for consideration.

There will be no July meeting unless the Executive Committee deems it necessary. The possibility of moving the meeting start time to 6p during the non-summer months was discussed. A Doodle poll will be sent.

Jim Prescott-Smith moved, and Gary Huckleberry seconded, that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. The motion carried unanimously.

Finance Report – Beth Brouillette reported that revenue is slightly under budget, but not as much under as expected. Bob Couch asked that the summary report include a column that provides projected year-end numbers. It currently shows history only; information enabling correction going forward would be helpful. Bob asked for clarification on restricted funds, and if there is a way to determine how long those buckets could be sustained before they are depleted. Beth Brouillette will compile a report showing projected drainage and replenishment of those accounts. Auditor selection has not yet been addressed.

Bonnie Winn has agreed to lead Stewardship for this year. The emphasis will be more on thanks than thermometers. The fall in-gathering will take place over a long weekend around All Saints' Day. Mary Herring commented that the stair-step image in her letter was very powerful and was impressed with the personal, powerful, testimonial quality of the letter.

Fr. Robert Hendrickson gave the Rector's report:

- Rev. Mark Schultz has accepted Fr. Robert's offer of a two-year curacy and will join the St. Philip's staff in July. He will focus on youth advocacy and developing leadership capacity in the youth program.
- Jim Marr is working with Allan Cooley to create a relationship-based newcomer program. Newcomers are now being tracked and follow-up steps and processes established. At last count, 20+ new members have joined in the last two months. The people who are joining are ready to become involved.
- Mary Herring asked if there might be a way to connect newcomers to St. Philip's with newcomers to Atria; she will connect with Jim Marr.

Sunny Bal closed the meeting with a prayer at 7:46 pm.

Submitted by Mary Paul