

Board Chair and Communicator Meeting – January 3, 2024

In attendance: Fr. Eric Mills, Ricky Evans, Karla Platt, Kim Bernard, Susan Chase, Mother Lisa Erdeljon, Margaret Bearden, Don Halbert, Liz Halbert, Lorraine Beamer

Fr. Eric Opened the meeting with a prayer.

Finance and Facilities – Don Halbert

Don Halbert reported that there is good news – the revenues as of mid December continue to be over budget. Expenses are on or below budget. The insurance deductible and maintenance reserves will be funded for 2023 monies. Pledged monies cover the 2024 budget. The capital campaign is officially closed with 93% of pledges paid in full. Unspent monies from the capital campaign will be used to pay down the mortgage principal and to help finance the columbarium.

Columbarium – The vestry has approved signing the contract with Columbarium Planners. They will assess our campus and give options for building plans and expenses.

ECW is planning a White Elephant sale.

Bryan Wester has gotten the parish hall doors fixed, the elevator up to code and there are no rats!

Outreach – Liz Halbert

There was no meeting in December and the January meeting will be used to vision and plan 2024. The Angel Tree was a big success and many items were donated to the Christmas Cottage (a place for students to use points from good behavior to purchase gifts for family)

The Chapel of the Cross tour was well attended with over 500 people coming through the Chapel.

There will be a Diaper Wrap party on January 16.

The CIS mentor program is still looking for staffing.

There will be 8 people from St. Philip's going on the Belize Mission trip from January 18 – January 28.

Southport/Oak Island interchurch fellowship is planning a "Day 4 Hope" and a Book drive. St. Philip's will contribute to the book drive.

Parish Life – Kim Bernard

The Parish Life Board will meet on the first Thursdays of each month. There are many things planned on the calendar which has been shared with the office. A kitchen committee has been formed to clean and maintain the parish kitchen. Cleaning and organization days are planned.

Pastoral Care – Mthr Lisa

There was no meeting in December. A new COHI chaplain has been commissioned.

The Medical library continues to do well.

Beckie Armstrong has proposed starting a new women's prayer group.

Spiritual Resources – Fr. Eric

Bible and Breakfast is starting the Gospel of Matthew via Zoom with Canon Jim Hanisian this week.

Theology Uncorked continues to meet at Tap and Cellar on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.

Genealogy will begin on January 10 at 9:30 am in the Chapel Annex.

The Book Discussion group led by Susan Heckler will meet January 11 in room 202 to discuss “Have you seen Luis Velez” by Catherine Ryan Hyde.

Adult Forum will be held on January 14, January 21, January 28, February 11 and February 18 in room 202. This session is led by Mother Lisa and is titled “Science and Religion”

Worship – Ricky Evans

The next meeting will be February 6 in the Chapel Annex.

Ricky commended the works of the Altar Guild and Flower Guild over the Christmas season.

Steve Russell sent an email to all ushers regarding the new police presence at our services. This will begin January 7.

There were over 500 people who attended the 5 Christmas services.

There 11:00 pm Celtic Christmas was well attended by many non-parishioners.

There will be an adult and an infant baptism on Sunday, January 7.

Communicator – Lorraine Beamer

Requested that each board chair review their pages on the website and notify the office of any changes that need to be made.

Clergy - Fr. Eric

Reminded Board Chairs that the minutes for their meetings should be detailed and transparent enough for parishioners and vestry to have a good understanding of what happened at their meeting.

Wardens – Susan Chase

Thanked everyone for all their hard work and dedication during the Christmas Season.

Next Meeting – February 7 at 2:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by

Lorraine Beamer.

