

## Board Chair and Communicator Meeting 8/6/25

Present: Deacon Pam Hayes, Al Snell, Senior Warden, Margaret Bearden, Bill Carney, Ricky Evans, Kim Bernard, Karla Platt, Liz Halbert, Lorraine Beamer

Deacon Pam opened the meeting with a prayer.

### Finance and Facilities – Bill Carney

- Tom Propst is working on the Stewardship Campaign; pledge communications are being developed; the treasurer has been involved with budget requests
- Typically there is a drop off of pledges of 5 – 15% during a transition
- New members of the stewardship committee are being sought.
- There will be a ministry fair in conjunction with Homecoming Sunday on September 7; the plan is to have each board chair make a 2 minute (or shorter) pitch about their board's ministry.

### Worship – Ricky Evans

- All the ministries are doing well and running smoothly (except for needing to schedule supply priests)
- New green altar linens and vestments are now being used for Pentecost. The old linens and vestments will be donated.
- Altar guild will have a brunch/training session on October 25.
- Choir rehearsal begins on September 3 with choir returning to church on September 7.
- Summer music series concludes on August 17 at 4:00 PM
- Flower guild is looking for more arrangers; there will be workshop/training on September 6.
- Summer service continues to have many visitors with attendance between 40 -45
- To increase a welcoming presence, the doors will be unlocked 30 minutes before each service.
- Worship board meeting time has been changed to 2:00 pm on the first Tuesday of each month.

### Outreach – Liz Halbert

- Questions were asked about the Outreach Endowment monies and what is available.
- Food Pantry is feeling cuts and looking for more donations
- Day4Hope has 328 registered participants; some extras may show up that day
- Hunger Walk is scheduled for October 19 and will start at Franklin Square park; T- shirts for this event will be available at the ministry fair.
- CIS tutoring is no longer happening.
- BPH (Brunswick Partnership for Housing) is seeing an increase in needs; Sleep out Brunswick is scheduled for October 24-25 to raise funds; \$5,000 grant from Outreach
- ECW gave a scholarship check to the Culinary School in honor of Kim Happer
- ECW retreat is scheduled for April 28 -May 1 at Trinity Center
- Docents report about 50 visitors to the Chapel of the Cross during the week of July 4
- Chapel Annex Mission Center project architect is working on plans; F&F approved payment for the drawings; Vestry is looking for more details about programs and remodel before approving total project.

#### Parish Life – Kim Bernard

- Farewell luncheon for Fr. Eric went well. 140 people were seated and others took meals home.
- Gather round the table forms are due to Barbara Kanto by August 31.
- ECW Fall Festival will be October 4; it will be a little different from previous years, but plans are moving forward
- MOAM is planning to grill chicken for homecoming luncheon
- Parish Breakfast is scheduled for September 14
- Coffee teams have been set up for 8:00 service (3 teams) and for 10:00 (4 teams)
- Parish Life will supply snacks/drinks for the Whole Person Ministry Health Fair
- Croquet tournament is scheduled for October 18 -October 19
- Newcomer reception will be held on October 12 immediately after the 10:00 service. (11:30)

#### Pastoral Care – Deacon Pam Hayes

- Many individuals are being cared for and monitored by the Pastoral care team
- Whole Person Ministry is offering a Health Fair on September 13 geared toward aging population; the public is invited; several outside agencies will be in attendance to provide information
- St. Philip's will be visited by the Bishop transition team and candidates to tour the campus; lunch will be provided
- Prayer shawl ministry is going well
- Bereavement series will be offered again in October
- Many Eucharistic Visitors are being sent out.

#### Warden – Al Snell

- Al thanked all the board chairs for their continued hard work for St. Philip's
- The farewell service was fabulous.
- As we move through transition, a written update will be provided every 3-4 weeks.
- There is a general need for supply priests around the Episcopal Church
- The interim process has 1 applicant at this time; Al is our liaison with the diocese for this process and is being persistent, but not annoying. Another candidate was interviewed, but chose to go else where.
- The Rector search team needs to be approved by the vestry and will then be announced to the parish
- August 24<sup>th</sup> will have a transition update between services for direct contact with the parishioners.
- The annual Meeting is scheduled for December 7; all are asked to help recruit new vestry candidates and convention delegates.

Deacon Pam closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Lorraine Beamer, Communicator