

## Vestry Meeting Minutes 5/19/26

Present: Mother Betty, Ross Lively, Bill Happer, Marty Younts, Mary Russell, Tracy Baltz, Kris Holt, Doyle Brinson, Chris Romig, Angela Urquhart

Ex officio: Karla Platt, Bookkeeper, Rick Pearce, Treasurer, Lorraine Beamer, Clerk

Absent: Paul Palmer, Paul Bailey, Donna Foster

Mother Betty began the meeting with the Lectio Divina: Colossians 3:12-14

**Chris Romig made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Ross Lively seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

### Treasurer Report

- Statement of Activities showed the transactions for May in the last column. Going forward, the reports will be monthly. (June 1 – June 30 report will be presented in July)
- Rick Pearce reported that 42.8% of expected pledges have been received. In total, 19 parishioners have completed their pledge for 2026.
- The Financial Position as of April 30 was discussed including the total current assets, total liabilities and net assets. Copies of the reports have been posted in the parish hall.
- Stewardship has asked for an additional \$1500 for the year-round stewardship campaign to include videos, Ministry in Focus, pledges etc. **Chris Romig made a motion to approve \$1500 to the Stewardship Committee. Kris Holt seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**
- **Marty Younts made a motion to allow Rick Pearce (Treasurer), Karla Platt (Bookkeeper) and Paul Bailey (Senior Warden) permission to view and withdraw funds from the Schwaab Accounts. Chris Romig seconded the motion.** Discussion followed to clarify that when the roles of Treasurer, Bookkeeper and Senior Warden change personnel, another motion will be required to give the appropriate people the access they need. **The motion passed unanimously.**

### Discussion about Parking

- Mother Betty discussed the problems that will occur with respect to parking around the church as the building next door to the Chapel Annex is converted for use by the Town of Southport.
- Several ideas were presented including contacting the local Shuttle, getting the spaces in front of the Sanctuary reinstated, collaborating with Trinity Methodist.
- This project has been given to Strategy 2 to investigate and present solutions.

Facilities maintenance.

- Bill Happer discussed the Facilities development of a 10 year plan for the maintenance of the facilities. The discussion included the of the amount of money to be put aside to plan for maintenance in a 10-year plan.

The meeting then broke up into strategies to discuss how to move toward the strategy goals. The Strategy Teams provided the following reports:

- Strategy 1 – plans to attend Whole Person Ministry Meeting in June to get information about the Care navigators’ seminar, Helping Hands in need of a team leader, formation of a “Honey Do” committee. Policies for Whole Person Ministry will be established.
- Strategy 2 – plans to interview the staff to discuss any additional staff requirements in preparation for the 2027 budget. Working with Facilities Board to formulate a timeline for ongoing maintenance. A 5-year plan to be ready by October 2026 and a 10-year plan by March of 2027.
- Strategy 3 – Grow the church is helping Outreach and worship boards write policies. The plan is to finish the Outreach Policy in time for the June 4<sup>th</sup> Vestry Meeting.

Rector’s Comments

- Mother Betty read a thank you note from the diocese for St. Philip’s pledging what they were asked to give.
- There will be supply priests June 14, June 21, June 28. There will be a welcome reception for Fr. Lin on July 12.
- Coffee hours will be suspended after June 14 for the summer. It was proposed and agreed upon that the VPOD’s offer cookies and Lemonade on the Portico starting June 21. Supplies will be provided.
- Mother Betty recognized that this was her last “regular” meeting with the Vestry before the end of the Interim period, and thanked the members for engaging in ministry with her.

Next Meeting June 16 at 4:00 PM.

Mother Betty closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Lorraine Beamer