

July 5, 2021 MC Meeting Minutes

Prayer Requests

Father Charles started the meeting by asking for prayer requests. Prayer Requests were noted.

Opening Prayer

Father Charles opened the meeting in prayer.

Members Present:

Pat Brandon, Cathy Cook, Sandy Rains, Debbie Marshall, Alex Maitland, John Phillips, Rob Martin, Jim Lawler, Deborah Carlson, and Father Charles

MC Covenant Review

Father Charles reviewed the covenant. All members agreed to continue to abide by it.

Approval of Minutes/Reports

Debbie Marshall made a motion to approve the June minutes and reports. Deborah Carlson seconded the motion. John Phillips led a short discussion and the motion was **approved** unanimously.

Joshua Bible Study

Father Charles led a discussion from the book of Joshua. The focus of the study/discussion was on the need for the people of Israel to move forward from the wilderness and into the promised land. To move into the promised land Israel had to remember their past and honor it but also be willing to let go of things to continue the journey. SMAA is in a similar place as we prepare to emerge from COVID and into what/where God is calling us next.

Evangelism/Parish Life

Pat Brandon reported that discipleship groups continue and are going very well. Some groups are now meeting in person and meeting at other times like for dinner and other outings.

Father Charles updated the group about upcoming events:

- July 31st Pool Party - more information coming soon
- Fall Event is in the works for Stewardship purposes
- September Zoo trip
- Fall backpacking trip
- Halloween Trunk or Treat

Stewardship

Debbie Marshall reported that the stewardship committee has met and letters will be mailed out by July 19th. On August 15th, there will be a stewardship kick-off event at the 10:30 service. Pledges need to be returned by September 19th and a wrap-up will be on September 26th.

St. Anthony's Guild (used to be called TLC)

Pat Brandon stated that the group will be ministering to temporary facility bound members and homebound folks. There are 7 members. This group will start October 1st. They are working on making a pamphlet with information for volunteers.

Helen's request of \$2,000 for Fall staff retreat

Father Charles reported that Helen is requesting up to \$2000 for a staff retreat. This retreat usually takes place yearly but stopped during COVID. Alex Maitland made a motion to approve up to \$2000 for the ELC staff retreat. Debbie Marshall seconded the motion. After a short discussion, the motion was **approved** unanimously.

PPP Funds report and tabled motion from the PPP loan forgiveness to be placed in the operating account to be used at the discretion of the mission committee

John Phillips explained how the loan money was spent. The group spent some time asking him questions, and it was decided that Debbie Marshall, John Phillips, and Sandy Rains would meet to discuss financial questions that were raised and will update the group next month.

Tabled Motion on 2021 Parish Budget

Motion reconsidered and approved as amended at the June meeting.

Amendment proposed to the budget motion “1.5% raise for Sexton and Director of Music effective June 1, 2021 and a 3% raise for Vicar, on cash stipend but excluding the housing allowance, effective June 1, 2021. Moved by Deborah Carlson and seconded by Sandy Rains.

Amendment failed with Rob Martin, Deborah Carlson, Sandy Rains, and Pat Brandon in favor and Alex Maitland, Cathy Cook, Jim Lawler, and Deb Marshall opposed.

Since the proposed amendment to the budget directly effects the vicar’s compensation the vicar refused to vote and break the tie but noted he would vote in favor of a raise for the sexton and director of music

Treasurer’s Request to Reconsider 2021 ELC Budget

John Phillips withdrew the request.

Motions proposed by Wardens

Motion 1: Salaries for the SMAA church staff be frozen in the 2021 budget

Motion 2: At SMAA payroll checks are calculated using the annual or hourly rates agreed between SMAA and the employee at time of hire, as amended over time for approved salary increases and other adjustments. We move that this practice continues unchanged. Specifically, the vicar's salary was set initially when he was hired in 2016 in an agreement signed by himself, the senior warden and a representative of the bishop. It is and should be the basis for calculating his pay.

Jim Lawler and Alex Maitland withdrew both motions from the last meeting.

Dial Building Project Update

Alex Maitland, Deborah Carlson, Jim Lawler, and Helen Kline will meet and report back next month.

Chapel Window Replacement - (\$1500 from Endowment)

Jim Lawler reported that a window in the Chapel is broken and needs to be replaced. Alex Maitland made a motion to spend up to \$1500 from the Endowment Fund to have the window replaced. Jim Lawler seconded the motion. After a short discussion the committee unanimously **approved** the motion.

MC Member Concerns

- Rob Martin reported that his mother is turning 96 this week!
- Sandy Rains wants to have a guest speaker at the next MC meeting from the Joseph Neil Center.
- In Person MC meetings may start in September
- Next Meeting: August 18, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Carlson, Clerk

