

St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Ellisville, MO
July Vestry Meeting
Thursday, July 22, 2021
Submitted by: Gina Slobodzian, Clerk

Meeting started at 6:08 p.m.

Participants: Mother Leslie Scoopmire, Tom Allen, Ray Harbert, Rebecca McCoy Brewer, Terence Bostic, Paige Bostic, Page Andersen

Spiritual Reading: Mother Leslie – Today is the Feast of Mary Magdalene:

John 20:11-18

Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Open discussion between participants of what this passage means to us and historical context.

Mother Leslie's Report (Not Sent Prior – given orally)

- Shug's ordination on Saturday
 - Julia will provide food for the reception
 - Anxiety among parishioners about how many people will be in the church. Keeping everyone safe is our first priority
 - The Bishop called Mother Leslie and advised of mask directive. We were already going to require this. All ordinations in the diocese will require masks
 - Shug's is the most filled ordination in the diocese
 - Last count is about 117
- Sunday service is online and in person. Mother Leslie and Shug will be preaching and officiating
- Death of Ben Braley. (Spouse Brigitte). Interment at Jefferson Barracks and funeral in October

- Phyllis Duff funeral on August 15th.
- Tucker Wright be eulogized
- Special Thanks
 - Page Andersen – Bulletins
 - Debbie Matthews – The Beacon
 - Those who have come to weed over the past few days to make the grounds presentable for the ordination
 - Tom Allen as Chairmen of the Regathering Committee
- Shug will take some time off before she officially starts on August 25th
 - She will be located in the inner sanctum (Emily's old office)
- Parishioners contacted and status
 - Rich and Honor Hebenstreit
 - Jim Duncan (via Reuben Rigel)
- Mother Leslie asked that we keep in prayer her sister who has recently had surgery (Becky)

Senior Warden Report (Tom Allen, Sent Prior)

- Regathering Committee
 - Time spent planning the Ordination and planning for more in person services
 - Interim steps they are discussing
 - Two 10:30's in August
 - Discussion about 8 a.m. service
 - Need volunteers for the services
 - Columbarium expansion idea
 - Challenges getting ushers and volunteers
 - WE NEED HELP AND VOLUNTEERS TO BEGIN IN PERSON WORSHIP
- Discussions within the group about mask requirements within the county or city that could be mandated future state. St. Martin's should be able to weather this due to our current requirements
 - Mother Leslie reminded us that wearing masks is because we are loving beings
- Insurance adjustment all taken care of. Retroactive February 22nd
- **Next Executive Meeting is August 12th**
- **Next Vestry Meeting on August 19th**
- Plumbing needs as submitted by Lincoln on June 24th was approved via Executive Committee in email form on July 19th. Terence will resend approvals to all for record purposes. Gina to follow up to make sure that Lincoln received what he needs.

Junior Warden Report (Terence Bostic, Not sent prior - given orally)

- Planning on continuing touch base sessions with parishioners

Financials (Page Andersen – Sent prior)

- We are at the halfway point with the June financials

- Reviewed cash positions and summary of favorable versus unfavorable line items
- Facilities expense is down due to Ameren budget billing – credit balance of several thousand dollars. No Ameren bills in May or June. As we use the facility more this year, the budget billing will kick back in next year. Need to remind those who are in the building to watch temperatures.
- Mother Leslie noted week to week pledging variances
- Giving statements are being mailed along with Ministry Help needs this week to parishioners
- **Move to approve June Financials: Tom moved to approve, second by Becky. No discussion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.**

Facilities Report (Tom Allen – Sent Prior)

- Page discussed the grant, of which we received ¼ of the max. She mentioned the White Fund (run by the diocese, was a loan only fund. Which was later turned in to allow grants) and is not sure where we should go to apply and asked for direction
- Tom pointed Page to the diocesan website (grants and loans link)
- Page noted that it is capital improvement and it might be forgiven or low repayment. She mentioned that she'd like to have Steve Brunkhorst review this to see if we can apply
- (STAT request Laura Limbaugh's mother (Carla Sickle) is in the hospital at this time – special prayer).
- Need Vestry approval to go forward as a Capital Campaign Expense item for the tie wall replacement at \$2,800 as initial step in total project.
 - Capital campaign funds can be approved by Executive Committee up to \$5000
 - Tom will follow up with Lincoln to get more details before Executive committee votes via email on tie wall as step one
- **Terence had to leave the meeting. We don't have a quorum to vote at this time.**

We decided to continue the meeting as discussion points below:

- Need to vote on the June minutes
 - Page had one change to the June minutes – Gina inadvertently did not include her as an attendee
 - Gina will resend the minutes with Page's name included to the Vestry for approval via email vote
- Janet Theiss had suggested to Page that we have an additional check signer. Executive committee all agreed that we will have Ray Harbert be an additional signer in case one of us are unable to sign weekly.
 - New signature cards
 - Page will take point on coordinating

- Tom mentioned that it would be nice if we as the Vestry and Parish can give a gift to Shug. Mother Leslie said that would be a nice idea and we can present it to her on her first Sunday. Mother Leslie will provide some suggestions to the group for us to review.
- Page noted Mother Leslie's celebration of New Ministry on September 25th at 10:00 a.m. Tom asked if he needed to attend as he might be out of town. Mother Leslie indicated that Tom does not need to be present as another Warden can perform functions as needed.
- Fall Stewardship
 - Mother Leslie would like for there to be an official Stewardship committee
 - She encouraged us to be thinking about people who see positive aspects of giving. Think of people who would be encouraging and motivational
 - Let's gather some names over the next few weeks
 - The more participation we can get the better
- Page commented that we need Vestry members for next year. We need to be thinking of parishioners to approach since we will be losing members due to tenure
- Gina will send Vestry meeting documents to Scott to upload to the website. Page has been uploading documents to the website as well. Gina will also send to the other parishioners who have asked for such via email.

Closing prayer by Mother Leslie

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.