

Episcopal Church of the Resurrection
September 10, 2020 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Vestry Meeting Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE: Fr. Bob Williams+; Lauri Watkins+; Melissa Whitten, Senior Warden; Don Laufer, Junior Warden; Kristen Kalbrener; Kay Sogge; Carol Pearce; Kim Gill; Ken Emmes; Frank Koch, Treasurer

ABSENT: Frank Heidrick (resigned earlier in week due to work conflicts); Melissa Handley

GUESTS:

GATHER/PRAY

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- *On motion duly made and seconded the Vestry members present unanimously approved the minutes of August 13, 2020.*

FINANCIAL

- Treasurer's Report
 - Highlights – COR's PPP loan funds were spent in August and the next step will be to apply for loan forgiveness when process instructions have been provided
 - Treasurer's report is attached [if available]

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN AND RE-ENGAGING FOCUS GROUPS

- Melissa and Frank Koch reported that sessions for this week were pushed back to next due to fire and smoke complications' a broad group (about 30) representing all constituencies of the congregation have been telephoned and invites are in the process of going out via Realm and general announcement to the entire congregation
- Covenanted small groups seem to be of interest to many and hopefully these initial feedback discussions will evolve into something ongoing as part of the re-opening plan

VESTRY MEMBER REPLACEMENTS

- Ken Emmes – joining today for his last meeting, has resigned due to move out of state
- Will need to replace two positions
 - Ken Emmes – through Jan 2022
 - Frank Heidrick – through Jan 2023
- Three full terms are scheduled to start Jan 2021

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

- The primary church credit card is being issued in Melissa Whitten's name. It will be used for purchases and online payments until a card is obtained for the parish administrator.
- The Letter of Agreement for Interim Rector has now been signed, copies provided to Vestry and is on file

- Questions have been received about parameters for children's groups – will need Covid precautions, Safe Church guidelines, parental permission on file; Lauri+ will address w/leaders
- Melissa Whitten and Frank Koch are scheduled to talk Friday with Canon Neyssa of the Bishop's office re: finances, PIM search and related.

DEACON'S REPORT

- The Deacon is busy with helping to bring the services each week, with evacuees, with smoke victims, and with leading the Wednesday night class. Her vacation starts Sept 21 and runs through Oct 7.

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

- Has received a request from someone outside the congregation who has been in charge of Lenten concerts held at COR in the past. The request is for a time to practice on our organ. This will need to be addressed as part of the re-opening plan, along with potential uses for any other outside groups.

RECTOR'S REPORT

- Fr. Bob+ did not come down to Eugene this week due to smoke and fire restrictions, and misses being with folks. He and Lauri+ will be planning for a live service at COR the next Sunday with organist, lectors and Don.
- Now that Fr. Bob has gotten more oriented to the congregation and situation, he will be turning his attention to the re-opening plan and steps to move forward on that. The Vestry will need to approve it first, then it will go on to the Diocese for final approval.
- There have been some congregation members directly affected by the fires, with at least two known to have been evacuated from their homes and apparently one home has been lost.
- The Diocese has put forth an idea for churches with larger properties and parking lots to consider making space available for evacuee camping. We would need to check our liability and consider how to arrange that around Hospitality Village and with notification to the local authorities.

ADJOURN at 7:50.

COMPLINE

Respectfully submitted 10/9/2020,

Kristen Kallrener