

## Board Chair, Deputy and Communicator Meeting September 7, 2022

In Attendance: Margaret Bearden, Nancy Corsi, Jane Mitchell, Deborah Alt, Pam Hayes, Mthr. Lisa Erdeljon, Dennis Courtnage, Fr. Eric Mills, Bobbie Fuchs, Ricky Evans, Debbie Evans, Sue Mills, Bob Fuchs, Lorraine Beamer

Father Eric opened the meeting with a prayer.

### Rector's Report - Fr Eric

The vestry is currently reimagining priorities, focus, and intention as the parish continues to embrace the operational model that a Program Church requires. This will mean that the vestry will divest itself of a number of responsibilities and those responsibilities will be transferred to the appropriate Ministry Boards.

Because of this transfer of responsibilities, it will be critically important that this body, the Board Chairs, are prepared to coordinate, communicate, and compromise as necessary to ensure the work of the day to day ministry can be accomplished. As an example, if one Ministry Board creates a policy, that policy must be communicated to all the Board Chairs. And if that policy affects a ministry from another Ministry Board, the policy must be coordinated and accepted by that affected ministry. This will be important going forward because previously the vestry would review policies for such need, and now that process belongs to this group.

The vestry will be reorganizing itself to be forward thinking, looking to the future and developing strategies and plans to prepare the parish for the changing needs we will encounter.

Of note, portions of the current by-laws will be rewritten and brought to the parish for final approval at the 2023 annual meeting.

The goal for our Board Chair meetings going forward is to share past, present and future events and plans to ensure coordination between all ministries of the parish.

An important note to remember is that each Board Chair should be up-to-speed on what is taking place within the ministries in their board. This will allow for up-to-date communication and proper coordination for future events and plans.

Sue Mills suggested having a planning calendar, 3 months at a time that the boards would use to plan and coordinate. The idea that it would be large, visual and color coded to assist in coordination. The group was tasked with thinking about how to do this.

### Faith Formation Ministry Board – Sue Mills

Sue reported that there were many offerings listed in the bulletin, enews and Come and See. Examples include the Autumnal Equinox event on September 21 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM on the Labyrinth. This event will include sound bowls, massage, healing and anointing. Posting this to Facebook will allow folks to share it easily. The Celtic Services, beginning in November, can also be advertised at this event. Canon Jim Hanisian will be offering a Preparation for Death class.

The Faith Formation Board is seeking Youth minister for after the 10:00 service once a month. A new Librarian and a new Communicator are also being sought.

## Finance and Facilities – Bob Fuchs

Bob reported that the Parish Hall work is nearly complete and this will end the weekly updates from the building committee. The board is working on updating the Chapel Annex and increasing safety in the balcony area. Pledge statements have gone out and the budget inputs have been received from the boards. Major increases to the budget requirements include COLA for staff, Medical expenses, the need for a full time sexton and a full audit this year.

Next steps for the budget include the Stewardship Committee getting a letter out to the parish to raise money. The budget will be finalized in November so it can go to the Vestry for approval and then present the budget at the Annual Meeting. Finance and Facilities may be back to the other boards if adjustments are needed. The question was raised if the Parish Hall would be used as a revenue source, Bob answered, probably not.

Sound proofing is planned for the Parish Hall. Carpet will be put down and sound panels are being investigated for the ceiling and walls.

## Outreach – Deborah Alt

Deborah reported the need for a Deputy Chair. They are looking for people to join the board who do not have a specific ministry. The new Grant Policy will be advertised which includes “sweat equity volunteers” as well.

Deborah asked if monetary donations to the food pantry could be reconsidered and go to SOIIF instead. The food pantry has plenty of money on hand and SOIIF deals more with other human needs that are big issues.

The board has been working on “Best Policies” to determine an efficient use of funds

## Parish Life – Jane Mitchell

Jane reported that the deadline to sign up for Gather Round the Table is September 10. The ECW lunch bunch will meet on September 20<sup>th</sup> at Olivers. Fall Festival Workshops continue on September 23 in preparation for the Fall Festival to be held October 1<sup>st</sup> with set up beginning on September 29. A funeral on September 30 has affected set up and planning for the Fall Festival.. The ECW will have their annual meeting on December 3 from 11- 1:00.

Coffee hours are planned for September 18, September 25. Parish Breakfasts are planned for October 9 and November 6. A sign up genius is out for Coffee Hour Hosts to sign up.

## Pastoral Care – Pam Hayes

Pam reported that LEV and COHI ministries are doing well and the Terra Bella Ministry is going very well. Stephen Ministry is being re-evaluated based on the Model Policies sent from the diocese. Walking through Grief with Fr. Eberle will be continuing and there is a need for facilitators for this ministry. There will be a training scheduled in October for EM’s, Date TBD.

## Worship – Ricky Evans

Ricky reported that Janet Wester is battling with the torches – may look at hurricane glass to prevent AC from blowing on the torches. Summer Beach Ministry has an average attendance of about 45 people each week. Looking ahead, may be changing the name of this ministry.

Choir starts rehearsals this evening . A brass quintet is scheduled for September 11 with the choir. An updated usher customary has been posted to the website and first aid training will again be offered through the fire department.

Acolytes have been contacted and Ricky is hoping their attendance will level out. Adult are welcome to join this ministry.

A table is set up in the bell tower narthex for ministries to use to get sign ups or to sell things. This is the only table that should be used by the ministries and this should be coordinated with Ricky and/or Lorraine Beamer.

The Pet Blessing will be October 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM on the labyrinth or under the portico (depending on weather).

Communicator – Lorraine Beamer

Lorraine asked for people to remind their ministries to send all communications to be published through the board communicator. Each ministry should contact Lorraine directly to reserve rooms for meetings and activities. Pictures taken during an event and sent to Lorraine with a short write up will be sent to the Pilot for publication.

Respectfully submitted

Lorraine Beamer