

**Episcopal Church of the Advent  
Vestry Meeting  
May 15, 2022**

The meeting convened in prayer by Fr. Alan at noon.

**Attendance:** *Present Vestry* – Rev. Alan Leonard, David Hammond (SW), Scott Griffith, Lew Price, Noel Smith-Wong, Martha Francis, Richard Hudson, Sharon Werth. Also in attendance was Alison Cioffi-Brown (Treasurer).

*Absent* – Carol Hoffman, John Coyle, Barbara Smith (JW), Frank Garcia

**Minutes:** Motion by D. Hammond, seconded by R. Hudson to approve minutes of April 24, 2022-- *Approved*

**Treasurer's Report:** A. Cioffi- Brown presented the April YTD P & L report. The Church is performing well against budget through April.

Motion by S. Werth, seconded by R. Hudson to approve the Treasurer's Report (P & L Budget Performance for April 2022)—*Approved Pending Audit.*

**Rector's Report:** Fr. Leonard reported:

- There was some increase in Sunday Service Attendance around and on Easter. We are now back at pre-Easter attendance levels.

**Senior Warden's Report:** D. Hammond reported:

- No additional report or issues.

**Old Business**

- **Fence**—At the last meeting Vestry Members had been asked by Father Leonard to inspect the fence along Franklin Street and to come prepared to make a recommendation whether to repair or replace the fence. After discussion, the Vestry moved as follows:

Motion by D. Hammond, seconded by R. Hudson, to repair the fence as best we can.--*Approved*

D. Hammond volunteered to investigate who would be in the best position to do the repairs (i.e., Church Members and/or an outside contractor) and to prepare a budget for Vestry consideration.

- **Roof**--The HPC formally approved our roof repair approach. The selected contractor to do the repairs has been delayed with other jobs. We will continue to follow up with the contractor since leaking continues into the Parish Hall.

### **New Business**

- **CPR/AED/FIRST AIDE Training**—D. Hammond reported that the Red Cross will do the training for up to 10 individuals for approximately \$900 (including a discount on a \$1,064 price). It would be \$200 per person for any additional participants over 10. We have \$700 in a designated fund from a donation to use toward this purpose. There is also a partial virtual and in-person option. David will continue to follow-up on the best approach.
- **Choir Camp**—Will be held at Advent on July 17 through July 21, ending with an Evensong presided by the Bishop at Advent on Thursday, July 21. Participants will once again reside at Holiday House. Our Choir Camp Scholarship Fund will partially offset participant fees. Brenda Leonard has offered to provide snacks and lunch. Interested participants can receive information from Kathe Christensen.
- **Vacation Bible School**—Will be held on August 8 through August 12 once again at the shelters at Cape May Point State Park. The Sunday School teachers are working on the curriculum.
- **Sunday School**—We are in process of starting Sunday School back up post-COVID. There have been a few minor hick-ups.
- **Advent Dinners/ECM**—ECM has \$700 in its checking account and will consider making their \$500 contribution to the annual budgeted revenue goal. We still do not have a chef for Advent Dinners, but are exploring some options of possibly using a paid outside chef. A budget would have to be prepared to determine if this is a viable option.

- **Choir Practice Times**—Choir practice is held following the 10:30 am service preventing the Choir from attending the Coffee Hour fellowship. D. Hammond questioned if there were any alternative times during the week that could be considered. Father Leonard agreed to follow up on this issue.
- **Resuming Acolytes and Processions**—Father Leonard is going to reach out to potential Acolytes to determine interest, and hopefully be able to follow up with training and scheduling Acolytes so we can return to Processions.

**Other Committee Reports**--None

**Next Meeting Scheduled**—June 19 at noon (There will be no July Meeting.)

Motion to adjourn at 12:28 pm by R. Hudson, seconded by S. Werth--*Approved*