

St. Mary's Church Vestry Meeting, September 6, 2020 Held by Zoom Video Conference

In attendance: Ann Lovejoy Johnson, Beth Bickley, Noreen Kirk, Sarah Tierinni, Harry Perry, Karen Fedorchak, Karen Armogida, Joy Dorin, Mechelle OIOrtegui, Jessica Tomic, Jo-Ann Swanson, Bruce Perry.

Absent: Gene Marinelli

The bid for technical support, camera and sound equipment for remote services, is about \$8,000. It does not include screens.

Joy asked if the funds would come from the Haugh money and Beth reported that it had not been decided at this time.

Harry asked if the committee had looked at any other systems like those being used by other churches.

Ann mentioned that maybe we should do that and possibly put it out for another bid.

Mechelle said that she assumed that the system would require someone to stand by near the equipment and monitor it during use. Who would this person be chosen? Is it a specialized position?

Karen A. suggested that we could reach out to the rest of the parish for this position if needed.

Joy asked if Glen would be the person to train the person in this monitoring position.

Ann said the tech team would continue to update the vestry in future meetings.

Jessica told us how much she enjoyed the contemplative service Sunday evening.

Even though the noise of cars slowed things down it was well worth it. Ann shared that she felt really connected and calm, a feeling she hasn't felt in a long time. It feels good to offer something in person.

Ann will meet with the new rector at Concordia to share what we are doing including. She will ask about doing a joint blessing of the animals.

Joy: CAT next steps. Agree on the 5 questions

Go over time line

Rationale behind our choices of the questions

Quick discussion of Sandy's involvement and how we will help her.

Joy read the five questions aloud and we then voted to accept them, motions made to vote and accept.

Joy told how once the questions were sent to Holy Cow, they will make a soft opening and Vestry will answer first so they will be prepared to answer any parish questions.

Vestry (only) receives summary report with consultant Rich Simpson on Oct. 17th, Zoom meeting held from 10 am – 12:30 pm. We will get a summary report and after a discussion we can send it out to the parish.

We will now send Concordia our questions as they have sent us theirs.

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GHIAA: update

Six people on the core team either trained or in the process to meet with three on Concordia's team. Training and individual meetings with vestry will be done first. Launch 'listening project' in November for parish. The team would meet with parish members not in need of pastoral care.

They would be asked to give about 45 minutes to a team member for a conversation with "deep listening" and building bridges and relationships within the parish.

The project will model how we should treat each other in general.

A motion was made for Vestry to continue with GHIAA. It passed.

A short discussion followed about having two 1-hour meetings a month. The meetings are to be one hour long with the second meeting being held on the first Sunday of the month at 11:15.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:25.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Swanson