



The vestry was called to order at 7:15 pm virtually, once a quorum (2/3) was present.

Attendance

Nicholas Morris-Kliment (Rector)	X	Jeff Murphy (Warden)	X	Stan Hitron (Warden)	X	Stefano Migliuolo (Treasurer)	X
Duncan Allen	X	Jim Black	X	David Carnahan (Clerk)		Denise DeGroff	X
Janet Haines	X	Bob Keener	X	Ingrid Melvin	X	Michael Niden	X
Annie Russell		Patty Smith	X	Joe Sweeney	X	Ginny Yerardi	X
Bob Begin	X						

Worship/Christian Learning Chair: Nick

Prayer and Formation

We opened with a collect then listened to the song “When You Believe” from Saturday Night Seder and closed with a prayer. We then all shared briefly how things were going for ourselves and family.

Information/Discussion

Nick thanked Jeff Murphy and Stan Hitron for their availability and constant communication by phone, e-mail etc. during this difficult time. He also recognized the work of Stefano Migliuolo who became our treasurer just a couple of months prior to the COVID-19 crisis. The leadership all three have shown is recognized and appreciated very much.

Nick was on a call with the Canon to the Ordinary this week. Unfortunately while May 31 was a target date for in-person church services it was confirmed that date is no longer possible. It is unknown when such a gathering can take place at this time. The on-line services and Zoom coffee hour have been very favorably received. As Jeff noted, Nick and Ali have been very creative and have done a wonderful job adapting technology so we can still worship, socialize and communicate.

There have been some issues with the Caring Calls list. Because the document could be amended by anyone accessing the list there may have been mistakes such as with data entry and saving. Stan is asking us to use the list that came with the agenda this evening. Please e-mail Stan if you think the list needs to be amended or if you would like to call parishioners who have not been contacted.

We urge everyone to activate the Realm account if you have not done so already. It will house current contact information of parishioners. Realm also has more capabilities that Christ Church plans to adapt. Parishioners will be able to give on-line and monitor their pledge electronically. A follow up question which needs to be answered is if there is a service fee if parishioners use the pledge feature.

Peter Poulos donated two set of lights so the altar can be seen better during the online service. It is believed that due to this change the next on-line service will be a better sight experience.

Certain ministries such as the Men’s prayer group and Bible study have continued meeting virtually using the Zoom platform. Nick is planning a virtual meeting with church school parents for feedback how the church can best serve their children at this time. He is also contacting other churches who are conducting online church school for planning purposes.

Shelter cooking cannot function at this time due to the Covid-19 crisis. Critical at this time is donations to pay for food and care. The 4/23 church e-mail blast explains the need in further detail and has a link to a homily by Jennifer McCracken which Nick highly encouraged the vestry to listen to.

Treasurer’s Report

Large surplus reflected due to the Nickerson bequest in the amount of \$61,500. If we compare income for the first three months of this calendar year to the same period in 2019 income is down considerably. April



is expected to be in a deficit due to the large number of bills that are due that month and because Community Concerns will allocate their entire 2020 budget at this time due to urgent needs.

Christ Church has been notified that a significant bequest has been granted to us from the Robert H Storer Trust. It is expected that we will receive an initial payment in the amount of \$175,000 with other payments following for a total unrestricted bequest in the amount of \$600,000. A motion will be forthcoming for the vestry to accept the bequest.

Christ Church has paid 2/3 of the total amount due for the new organ. Charles Raines and Tim Lysaght are in discussions with a company based in Needham that has agreed to remove the organ and keyboard at no cost to Christ Church. They believe they can sell the material. If so, it is possible that CC may receive proceeds ranging from \$10,000 - \$15,000.

Discussion took place around the organ appeal and what timing would be most appropriate for commencing the formal part of this fundraising effort which was originally going to take place in March. The organ committee will be contacted by Nick for feedback about this issue.

CC applied for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) designed to help small businesses and nonprofits cover payroll and other costs during the coronavirus pandemic. It is expected that CC will be approved in the amount of \$39,000.

CC Investment portfolio has decreased during the pandemic. Stefano suggested that it may be worthwhile for David Borah to provide a report in an upcoming vestry meeting.

Rental

The attorney for Expressions has contacted CC about possibility extending the current lease until 6/30/20 and formalizing a new lease for 7/1/20-6/30/21. They have stated that there is a potential buyer for Expressions who has expressed serious interest but only if there has been a lease negotiated for the upcoming school year.

Outreach is going to take place to the Theophany school to see if they have still have interest in the space. There was some concern on Theophany's part that the bathroom facilities should not be shared by different renters which may be able to be overcome depending on the outcome of First Bridge and Expressions.

Discussion ensued about what CC should do if rental obligations are not met during the pandemic and whether our response should be based on PPP approval, whether they can access the building per Governor's order etc. A separate sub-committee may be formed to work through these issues. Discussion also ensued about possible capital improvements downstairs which would position us in better terms for future renters.

61-65 Rosemary

Survey is completed and the CC attorney will be seeking approval from the Needham Planning Committee to determine the site a sub-division which will enable the church to sell the property. Discussion ensued about the timing of the property potentially going up for sale and if that changes due to current circumstances surrounding Covid-19.

Miscellaneous

- Woody had the radiator outside the chapel fixed and the upper parish hall floors refinished.
- His wife (a professional organizer) is being considered for the Sexton position.
- Ali will be taking over the responsibilities of the CC website.
- Nick will be moving his sabbatical to 2021.
- The meeting concluded with a closing prayer and The Lord's Prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm.