

TRINITY - VESTRY

August 10th, 2025

I. Prayer – Fr. Peter Johnston

II. Confirm Quorum & Secretary – Present: Fr. Peter Johnston, Bill Cober RW, David Brammer PW, John Guillory Sec., Pat Briney, Jeff Townsdin. Pat Brenham, Absent.

Approve Minutes – Motion to approve minutes by Pat Briney, 2nd David Brammer. Motion approved.

Adopt Agenda – Motion to adopt agenda by John Guillory, 2nd Pat Briney. Motion approved.

III. Reports

a. Rectors Warden

1. Update on Living Stones – Bill Cober reported that the footings and the slab for the sanctuary expansion have been completed & inspections have been approved. There is a 30-day curing time before further construction can begin.

Expenses will increase as supplies are purchased to begin framing.

Framing should begin after Labor Day.

The AC unit in the sanctuary had to be replaced earlier in the expansion project than expected, due to the high cost to fix the repairs needed to retain the old unit until a later time.

2. Motion for Deck Extension – A motion to extend the deck was delayed until after the Treasurer's Report.

b. Peoples Warden

1. Update on Family Center & Grounds – David Brammer reported that the classroom in the Family Center is continuing to be cleared out. He stated that shelves would need to be added for organizational purposes. Some items in the classroom can possibly be moved to the Grounds Keeping Building. There is a need to clean and reorganize that building also.
2. Grounds and beds need to be addressed in some areas. There is also a need to reseal the playground structure and reapply mulch underneath. A cleanup day needs to be scheduled soon to address these items.

c. Treasurer's Report

1. Teri Cober submitted both the 2nd Quarter Financial Statements as well as the June Year to Date financial statements for review (see statements included). She reviewed the statement income and expenses by line and gave explanations as to where we are compared to budget. We are behind budget by \$7562.44 as of June 30th. This is due to lower summer attendance and unbudgeted expenses. Pledges are expected to increase as we move into the fall and the vestry will continue to hold expenses where possible.
2. The Living Stones statement was presented and reviewed. All costs and expenses were shown and payments to vendors are being made as needed. A discussion was held about how important it is that pledges to the Living Stones Fund be made so that borrowing to pay for construction expenses can be held to a minimum. Teri will send out statements for the Living Stones Pledges as soon as Fr. Peter and Lisa get her the information needed.

d. Outreach

1. Mobile Kitchen - Pat Briney reported that he and Penn met to discuss the Mobile Kitchen. It was voted by the vestry to offer the Mobile Kitchen to the ARDF for \$20,000 last year. That was never presented to the ARDF due to the disaster they were dealing with in N. Carolina. Penn stated that he is committed to operating the Mobile Kitchen, if we keep it. Pat stated there were 3 issues that need resolution to maintain the Mobile Kitchen, 1. Towing, 2. Maintenance, 3. Usage and staffing. Pat entered a motion that Penn submit a detailed plan concerning these issues by the end of Sept., 2nd by John. Motion approved.
2. Ministry Fair - Pat brought up the need for another Ministry Fair to allow members to find a place to contribute to the church's mission. This will also give us an idea of those interested in contributing to working with the Mobile Kitchen mission. Fr. Peter will look at the calendar to set a date for the fair.

e. Rector

1. Sermon Series - Fr. Peter has concluded the sermon series on 1st Timothy and will begin his Noah series.
2. Staffing- Kevin Lindholm will supply artwork for the Noah series through the end of the year @ \$1500 month.

3. We will begin the “4th Point” Home Group at the Cober’s Home on Wednesday the 20th at 5:30 pm. The goal is to continue discussion on the sermon topics while training members to have Home Groups around Lafayette and the Acadiana area.
4. “The Sure Foundation” fundraiser will be held on Sept. 5th. The goal is to raise \$60,000 to pay for the foundation.
5. Riley is beginning the “Embers Campus Ministry” for College and Young Adults.
6. Calendar items for Marketing videos. (see agenda). It was suggested by John that we might use a Mktg video to update the congregation on the status of the Living Stones Project.

IV. Old Business – None

V. New Business

- a. Living Stones Deck Extension – Fr. Peter presented a quote of \$12,000 for expanding the deck the length of the Family Center. After discussion on the need for the deck at this time and the budget constraints we are presently in, a motion was made by Pat and 2nd by David that the deck extension be delayed until a future date. Motion approved.
- b. Marketing Videos Continuation – The Marketing Videos were budgeted for six months to access their value. After discussion the vestry feels like the videos are important to continue and they may be helpful in increasing fundraising. A motion to continue with the Marketing videos was made by Pat Briney and 2nd by Bill Cober. Motion Approved.

VI. Announcements (see agenda)

The next vestry meeting will be Sept.7th.

VII. Prayer – David Brammer

