

Immanuel Anglican Church Vestry Meeting
Wednesday April 21, 2021 via Zoom at 6:30 pm
KEY MESSAGES

The second Vestry meeting continued with some operational items and orientation/discussion on key priorities going forward.

Mission and Outreach:

Vestry approved 13 co-sponsorships for 40 people under the Diocesan Refugee Program. Immanuel agreed to assume the parish co-sponsorship role of assisting refugees as needed as part of its commitment to Mission and Outreach, from the former All Saints parish. Ralph Paragg, Refugee Program Coordinator has kindly agreed to continue as the Program Coordinator. Please see the attached for some history on this diocesan program.

Mission Action Plan, Growth Strategy

An overview was provided on the Mission Action Plan and Growth Strategy documents. These important documents, along with Immanuel's new Vision and Mission statements will guide Vestry and Immanuel's work going forward. They are important components of work for many of the committees that will be formed.

Vestry Committee Structure:

A proposal for the structure of committees to help with the work of the church was presented. A Vestry member will be a representative on each committee to act as a liaison to Vestry. As the committees start being formed, information will come to parishioners to provide opportunity for participation.

Communications and Technology Committee:

A focus group was formed to set up draft terms of reference and an implementation plan for this committee. This is a multifaceted committee that includes streaming for services, updating web sites and announcements on a regular basis, a social media strategy, and could include a phoning committee.

Facilities:

As reported previously, plans for putting the properties on the market for the former St. Luke, St. James, and St. Matthew are underway. The realtor, Avison Young, will be placing the St. James property on the market for sale on April 29.

Financial:

Vestry reviewed the operating statements for the first two months of 2021 which show a loss of \$46,000, about \$20,000 higher than what was expected. Our expenses are tracking well to budget, however our income from our parishioner giving is much lower than expected. The challenges of having no in-person services due to the continuing pandemic are contributing to the reduced giving. There were some issues getting our Pre-authorized Giving program up and running, which also contributed to the loss. Vestry recommended developing a strategy for addressing the shortfall in revenues and communications about the different ways that offerings can be made during the pandemic.

If you have any financial questions, please contact Pat Hall, our Treasurer at puzzlov@sasktel.net

Next meeting:

Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

If you have any questions please email officemanager@immanuelanglicanregina.ca