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**Present:** Priest Lisa Tucker-Gray, Shelley Zalewski (Sr. Warden), Liz Covey-Dwyer (Jr. Warden), Sherry Bass, Lily Ann Beament, April Cooke, Anne Dehne (Secretary), Linda Griffin, Liz Needleman, Beth Frolick-Rapson (Treasurer), Phyllis Ikegami (Clerk)

**Absent:** Mark Eissler

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**Call to Order:** Pr. Lisa called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

**Opening Devotion:** April Cooke offered devotions

**Visioning / *Myth of the 200 Barrier* discussion**

**Liz Covey-Dwyer & Shelley Zalewski**

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> of 3 discussion sessions based on the book “Myth of the 200 Barrier.”

Priest Lisa lead a discussion highlighting more of the topics of the book and included insights about other local churches using this same material to wrestle with the challenges of being a “Transitional Size” parish. Other churches in the diocese that also fall in this category have taken different approaches ranging from creating an intentional “transition team” that meets monthly and reports to the vestry to simply recognizing the challenges (and opportunities) and being both mindful and grateful of the resources and opportunities afforded by this size of parish.

The vestry was provided a structure for engaging/discussing these topics in hopes of drawing some conclusions as a group and forging a path forward, including:

- 1) What, if any, challenges do you see SJP experiencing right now as a transitional-sized church? When you contemplate the future, what challenges do you anticipate?
- 2) The results from the homework given at the March vestry meeting, to propose church times (and days) in hopes of increasing our ASA to 300- as a way to start thinking about the necessary change efforts that would be involved.  
(Liz Covey-Dwyer will send the tabulated results of this assignment via email.)
- 3) A list of pros and cons for each road we might pursue, remembering that the goal is not a particular ASA, but a healthy congregation. Discussion included what it would look like to focus on intentional growth, maintenance or “down-sizing” to a clearly pastoral size church.
  - For each of the above, we would need to consider:
    - Culture changes for SJP
    - Priest roles and responsibilities
    - Support staff and volunteers roles/responsibilities
    - Vestry roles
    - Resources – budget, property

We will revisit #3 at the May vestry meeting.

**Business:**

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

- Draft Vestry Minutes: 3/28/17
- Wardens' Report
- Rector's Report
- Commission Reports:
  - Administration Commission - April report
  - Property Commission - April report
  - Finance Commission - April report
- Financials: March 2017

*Motion made to accept Consent Agenda by Liz Covey-Dwyer, seconded by Anne Dehne. Motion approved.*

**Executive Committee Actions Update**

**Shelley Zalewski**

- No actions to discuss

**Commission Items for Action:**

**Beth Frolick Rapson**

- No Property or Admin Commission actions to discuss
- From Finance Commission:
  - For discussion: adding ACH capability to SecureGive
    - ACH adds option for members to take from checking and savings
    - Projection is that 30-50% will likely migrate to ACH
    - Will alleviate credit card expiration date interruptions
    - ACH will reduce SecureGive fees
    - Will give us a spring stewardship opportunity

*Motion made to approve ACH funding to SecureGive by Shelley Zalewski, seconded by Anne Dehne. Motion approved.*

**Treasurer's Report**

**Beth Frolick-Rapson**

*Motion made to accept the March Treasurer's Report by April Cooke, seconded by Liz Covey-Dwyer. Motion approved and filed for audit.*

**Old Business**

- Director of Family Ministry update **Jayne Watson**
  - A Family Life Dinner was held on Sunday, April 23 hosted by Jayne and Priest Lisa. The main purpose of the evening was for family fellowship and idea sharing. Forty adults and children had dinner; afterwards children enjoyed crafts and activities while parents/grandparents discussed likes/dislikes and future hopes of the youth/children's curriculum.
  - Upcoming events:
    - Youth Sunday May 21 - 8:30am breakfast buffet & fundraiser, 10am youth led worship
    - Congregation Picnic June 4 - Immediately following 10am worship

- Vacation Bible Camp August 14-18 - Registration is open to both kids and volunteers
- Annual signoffs: SJP and EDOMI Safeguarding Policies **Shelley Zalewski**
  - All vestry members signed "The Episcopal Diocese of Michigan Sexual Conduct Policy & Code of Conduct for the Protection of Children and Youth Acknowledgement," with the exception of Mark Eissler (Phyllis will send via email). Phyllis will then fax to EDOMI.

*Motion made to approve safeguarding acknowledgement by April Cooke, seconded by Shelley Zalewski. Motion approved.*

**Adjournment at 8:57pm**

**Dates/Items to Remember:**

May 2	Parish Council 7:00 - 8:30pm
May 7	Welcome Brunch following 10am service
May 21	Youth Sunday (NO 8am SERVICE)- fundraiser for Starfish Family Services
May 23	Vestry Meeting
May 25	Trinity and Huron Valley Deanery Confirmations at SJP 7pm