

St. John's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting

April 11, 2022 7:00-8:00 pm via Zoom
Minutes

1. 7:10 pm – Opening Prayer

Attendance: Fr. Adam Trambley, Missy Baron, Madge Tamber, Tracy Schliep and Vicki Barletta.

2. 7:15 pm – Review of Minutes

Minutes for the 3-14-22 Vestry meeting were unanimously accepted on the motion of Missy, seconded by Tracy.

3. 7:20 pm – Financial Topics

Treasurer's Report

Our financial picture continues to remain strong.

March expenses were less than budgeted.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted unanimously on a motion by Madge, seconded by Vicki.

4. 7:30 pm – Building Issues

Jesse Fiske is probably coming to begin work on the floor sometime after Easter and estimates that the job will require about 3 weeks to complete. The sanctuary will be able to be used for worship on Sundays during this time. In Fr Adam's absence, Frank O'Stafy will coordinate this project.

This work will cost \$60,000.00. That money is available in the Undesignated Memorials account, and the Finance Committee has voted its approval to pay for the project using these funds. A motion was made by Madge to use \$60,000.00 from the undesignated Memorials to pay for the flooring project. Tracy seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

5. 7:35 pm – Pandemic Issues

Because the CDC COVID Community Level for Mercer County was LOW the beginning of March, we will no longer require masks inside our facilities. We do not discourage mask-wearing and support anyone whose personal choice is to continue wearing a mask. Should the threat level increase to HIGH (Red), we will make appropriate changes. Everyone is encouraged to stay aware of any changes in their status.

Thanks to Tracy, we have COVID home tests at the church to be used as needed.

Anyone needing a test can contact the church office.

Because case rates have again begun to trend upwards, the vestry has decided to delay returning to the common cup until we see where the current trends are going. We will re-evaluate this decision at the next vestry meeting on June 12.

Coffee Hour may be able to restart the end of this month but will need folks to help.

For the time being, the hall will be open for meetings but not yet for social events.

6. 7:40 pm – Upcoming Vestry Meetings

Sunday, June 12, 9:15 am Upstairs dining room between services

Monday, August 8, 7:00 pm Zoom

7. 7:45 pm – Sabbatical Information

Dean John Downey will be with us all but 3 Sundays during Fr Adam's Sabbatical, 4/24/22 through 7/31/22. Madge, with Tracy as a backup, will take care of locking up after Sunday service.

5-1-22 Morning Prayer, Deacon Erin leading

5-22-22 Morning Prayer, Vicki Barletta leading

7-10-22 Eucharist, Fr Jason Shank presiding

Sharon Downey, the Cathedral Organist, is planning to retire the end of May and might be available to give Ron a couple of weeks off during the summer.

Madge as well as Tina will have contact information in case of emergency.

Fr Jason Shank will be an emergency pastor contact (443-618-4408).

Fr Denny Blauser and Deacon Erin will be available for more local emergencies.

Refer people in need to Prince of Peace or The Salvation Army.

If there needs to be any change in our pandemic response, Tracy and the vestry will be the "go to".

Stephanie Wilson from Resurrection, Hermitage, will compile and send out weekly emails.

8. 7:55 pm – Rector's Report/Other

The Bishop was here on Saturday, April 9, 2022, at 4:00 pm for the Receptions and Confirmations.

12 people, 3 young people and 9 adults, were received or confirmed.

There is continued activity and discussion regarding the Preschool Initiative. Fr Adam has been talking with the bishop and is planning to have a meeting with Dr. April Torrence.

9. 8:00 pm – Meeting adjourned on motion by Tracy, seconded by Vicki.

Next meeting will be in person at 9:15 am on Sunday, June 12 between services in the upstairs dining room.

Respectfully submitted,
Victoria Barletta