

St. John's Episcopal Church, Sharon, PA
Vestry Meeting
January 11, 2020; 7:35-8:31 pm Via Zoom
Minutes

1. 7:00 Opening Prayer (with parish)
Attendance: Father Adam Trambley, Frank O'Stafy, Matt Wertz, Barb Lipinski, Donna Stamoolis, Tracy Schliep, Melissa Baron.
Absent: Eric Hetson
2. 7:35 Review of Minutes.
Motion to accept October meeting minutes made by Barb, seconded by Donna. For December minutes - Need to correct spelling of "Lipinski" and the date of the annual meeting. Motion to accept with corrections made by Donna, seconded by Barb. Motion passed.
3. 7:40 Financial Topics
The financial reports were shared with the vestry and reviewed. Donna presented a review of the budgets and the Statement of Financial Position. St. John's ended 2020 with a deficit due to decreased pledge income and special offerings. Expenses continue to be down due to COVID restrictions. Father Adam noted that we have between \$17-18,000 in endowment transfers that we did not take along with a \$7500 bequest. The church remains financially strong. Motion to accept the financial reports made by Tracy, and seconded by Matt. Motion carried.
4. 7:55 Building Issues
Contract has been completed and returned to Jesse Fiske for painting project (includes interior and church doors)– will include plaster repair and other interior work. Work expected to commence after mid-January. Roofing repairs will also be done. A new quote from Marrett Carpet will be needed when closer to being ready to replace carpet as quote is over a year old. Red and blue carpet samples are still in Tina's office. Decision still will need to be made about if carpeting is to be placed under pews.
Barb Lipinski has been volunteering to do some church cleaning and chores.
5. 7:55 Ash Wednesday
Father Adam had meeting with Diocese and due to continued COVID restrictions, it is not expected that churches will be open for Ash Wednesday and imposition of ashes. Services would need to be outside, gloves would have to be worn and changed for each person for the imposition of ashes. Donna S. suggested a streamed service, mailing of something with a symbolic nature.
6. St. John's Concert Series
A bequest was given for a concert series and Father Adam and Ron are ready to move forward. A first concert is being planned with Harper Kirk to present a Welsh Harp

Concert in February. Bill Dodd will film and produce the series in the sanctuary, and it will be posted to Youtube and Facebook for viewing. Suggestion of one concert a month with other local musicians to perform.

7. 8:15 Annual Meeting and Vestry Elections

Mailing will go out this week with annual meeting information which is scheduled for Sunday, January 31 at 11:00 am via Zoom. Discussion about need for annual reports – none have been submitted at this time. Father Adam raised concerns about publishing budgets which reflect deficit and no explanation. Documents will be provided for those who request them and Father Adam will discuss concerns with individuals. Link to financial documents can be posted and link placed in newsletter.

- Vestry nominations (for 3 slots): Victoria Barletta, Donna Billioni, and August Santillo. Introduction of nominees will be sent to parishioners. Need 25 parishioners to log-in for a quorum. Frank, Matt and Donna S. terms have come to an end.

8. 8:20 Feedback on Christmas/Streaming/Etc.

Difficulty hearing readings and prayers on Sunday streaming services. Suggestion to post readings and hymns to Facebook so participants can follow along. Barb and Donna gave feedback on in person parking lot Christmas Eve service. Seemed to be well received and appreciated. First Methodist allowed us to borrow their sound system.

Father Adam raised idea of scheduling additional parking lot services for some in person opportunities for worship.

9. 8:25 Website/Other

The website is up and functional. Barb Lipinski suggested posting vestry agendas or minutes to website. The vestry thanked Frank and Matt for their service to vestry.

10. 8:35 Adjourn

Motion made by Frank, seconded by Tracy. Motion carried.

Next Vestry meeting February 8th.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Baron