

St. John's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting
June 14, 2021 7:30-8:45 pm via Zoom
Minutes

1. 7:00 pm - Opening Prayer (with Parish)

Attendance: Fr. Adam Trambley, Melissa Baron, Ron Gracilla,
Barb Lipinski, Augie Santillo, Tracy Schliep, Vicki Barletta.
Absent: Donna Billioni, Donna Stamoolis

2. 7:30 pm - Review of Minutes

Minutes for the 5-10-21 Vestry meeting were unanimously accepted on the motion of Barb, seconded by Missy.
Ron expressed his gratitude for the gift of the monetary purse.

3. 7:40 pm - Financial Topics

Treasurer's Report

Since Donna S, Treasurer, is traveling, Fr. Adam discussed the current Treasurer's Report. Our financial picture remains healthy... May was a very good revenue month, coming in \$3400 over what had been budgeted. Currently the expenses for salaries and the Diocesan Assessment are trailing this report. The Treasurer's Report was accepted unanimously on the motion by Augie, with a second by Barb.

4. 7:45 pm - Building Issues

Updates on Sanctuary Renovation and Flooring Discussion

Fr. Adam reported that Paul , working for Jesse Fiske, did most of the inside sanctuary work including the beautiful job cleaning the reredos. He also painted the outside doors. Replacing light bulbs and the flag are still in the planning stage. We are currently waiting for Jesse and the structural engineer to come and assess the new floor situation. Jesse discovered that under the carpet is tongue-in-groove hardwood flooring so new subflooring will probably not be needed and the tongue-in-groove may possibly be able to be refinished as the actual flooring. Jesse also has recommended a structural engineer to look at the uneven floor areas and suggest some options we might have to correct it. Later this year Jesse is planning to complete the window repair that was delayed from last year because of COVID issues.

5. 7:50 pm - Building Insurance Resolution

As a result of questions from the Church Insurance Company the following resolution was presented and accepted unanimously on the motion by Tracy, with a second by Barb:

Be it resolved that the Vestry of St. John's recognizes and authorizes that Episcopal Community Services shares the church's General Liability and Officers, EPL, and umbrella limits and has the same coverage as the church.

6. 8:00 pm - Re-opening Discussion and Policies

Our reopening policies will reference and prioritize current CDC and diocesan recommendations, and Department of Health regulations for guidance. Our current service schedule (8:00 am indoors and 10:00 am outdoors and streamed on Facebook) will continue through the summer .

Masks are required for those who are not vaccinated.

Children's activities will be held outdoors whenever possible.

Our facilities may be used for regularly occurring meetings but are not yet open for parties, receptions or other social events. Meetings may have beverages but not snacks or meals and are expected to clean up after themselves.

These guidelines were accepted unanimously on a motion by Barb, with a second by Missy.

7. 8:20pm – Rector's Report

We have received a gift from Rob Ridgeway in memory of Gary Funderlich intended to fund an endowment designated to provide on-going care for the landscaping and grounds.

The combined Confirmation Classes began on Sunday, June 13, 2021. 3 young people from St. John's are enrolled.

Fr Adam's father is currently at Sarah Reed home in Erie. His health has taken a sharp decline, and the physical rehab has not been effective. Many prayers are being offered on his behalf.

Fr Adam is planning a Sabbatical leave next year from 4/18/22 to 7/24/22. Fr John Downey, retired Cathedral Dean and now working with the diocese to provide diocesan sabbatical coverage, will be able to be with us for at least 10 of the Sundays.

Fr Adam will be on vacation this summer 8/2/21 to 8/6/21 and 8/12/21 to 8/15/21.

There was a discussion about a possible Parish Prayer Day...a time for some quiet, contemplative prayer for the church. This will require some scheduling to come up with dates and times that will work for a majority of the interested people.

8. 8:30 pm - Next Vestry Meeting will be in person at the church on July 12, 2021.

Laura Peretic will be joining us to discuss anti-racism efforts.

9. 8:35 pm –The Vestry went into Executive Session.

10. 8:40 pm – The Vestry returned from Executive Session.

The Vestry extended a big Thank You to Justin Lindsey for helping us out with cleaning inside and mowing outside the last several weeks!

11. 8:45 pm - Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm, on motion by Barb, seconded by Augie.

Respectfully submitted,
Victoria Barletta