

St. John's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting

November 8, 2021 7:00-8:20 pm via Zoom
Minutes

1. 7:00 pm – Opening Prayer

Attendance: Fr. Adam Trambley, Missy Baron, Donna Billioni, Augie Santillo, Tracy Schliep, Donna Stamoolis and Vicki Barletta.

Absent: Barb Lipinski

2. 7:05 pm – Review of Minutes

Minutes for the 10-11-21 Vestry meeting were conditionally accepted on the motion of Tracy, seconded by Donna B., with the correction under heading “Building Issues.” The correction is Meszaros Charitable Fund, not as previously spelled.

3. 7:07 pm – Financial Topics

Treasurer's Report

Donna S., Treasurer, discussed the current Treasurer's Report.

Pledge income continues to be down slightly, but revenue remains strong, and pledge envelopes continue to come in steadily. Expenses are also down, so the financial picture remains very positive. Donna B. suggested that a report of the Alms Fund should appear quarterly with a “ball park” figure of receipts and expenditures.

The bequest from the Edna Brown estate of \$4,700+ has been deposited into the General Memorial Fund.

We requested a grant of \$600 from the Meszaros Charitable Fund and were granted \$1000. The check has been received.

To prepare for the 2022 Budget, a meeting is planned with the Finance Committee in order to confirm number amounts.

The Vestry went into Executive Session to discuss 2022 Staff Salaries. COLA is 5.9% this year.

The Diocese has raised the minimum stipend by 4.5% and St. John's usually follows their lead.

When Vestry returned from Executive Session, it was decided that our Stewardship Program this year, in light of the continuing Covid issues, would consist of an informational letter.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted unanimously on motion by Donna B, with a second by Augie.

4. 7:45 pm – Building Issues

It appears we have an issue with the fire alarm that has been going off repeatedly in spite of there being no fire, smoke, etc. Initial attempts to correct this have been less than successful, but we will continue to try to discover who has the ability to actually fix it.

We have received the Structural Engineer's report, and there are 2 main problems:

First, sometime in the past cuts were made in several of the supporting joists, and they have not been reinforced adequately.

And second, a large joist that runs from front to back of the church has been shimmed up and is creating the raise in the floor in front of the right choir section.

Jesse Fisk will send estimates of what these repairs will cost, and then we can begin planning for the work to begin possibly in late January 2022.

5. 8:00 pm – Pandemic/Reopening Issues

Both the 8:00 and 10:00 Sunday services were again inside beginning 11-7-21. There were 45 people at 8:00 and 35 people at 10:00. The 10:00 service also continues to be streamed on FaceBook Live. Masks and distancing are required at both services. Communion is still being administered with bread

only but at the communion rail. We have cautiously begun to sing at the 10:00 service, but a choir is not feasible at this time. Allen Hall is being unlocked by 9:30 am to accommodate people needing to access the elevator from the parking lot

8:05 pm – Follow Up on Parish Anti-Racism Work

The suggestion was made to tailor some Prayers of the People petitions to reflect an anti-racism stance.

6. 8:10 pm – 2022 Vestry Discussion

Tracy, Barb and Donna S. will be rotating off Vestry so there will be a need to recruit some new members from the parish.

7. 8:15 pm – Rectors Report/Other

The new mailing address for St. John's i.e. the PO Box is not listed on the website. This will be corrected.

During October, November and December, Fr Adam will be helping out at Resurrection Church in Hermitage administratively and with some services. Pastor Gary Nelson, a retired Lutheran pastor, will be assisting him.

Fr Adam is planning to be off Nov 10-17. Deacon Erin Herald will lead services on 11-14-21.

Fr Adam's planned Sabbatical will be from April 18-July 24, 2022 including 2 weeks of General Convention. 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.

8. 8:20 pm – Meeting adjourned on motion by Donna S., seconded by Augie.

Next meeting will be by Zoom on Monday, 12-13-21.

Respectfully submitted,
Victoria Barletta