

St. Andrew's Vestry Minutes 09/15/2020

Members Present: Fr. Jeff Packard, Andrea deCarle, Christina Ford, Paul Humphreys, Greg Loviscky, Kevin Lowe, Michele Marini, Kitty Mussett, Jason McCloskey, Connie Puckett, JudithAnn Rule, Scott Strouse, Kathryn Yahner

Members Absent:

Guests: Julie Kwasnica

Clerk: Kevin Lowe

Call to Order: 7:08 p.m.

I. Opening Prayer - Fr. Jeff

II. Minutes

Motion: Jason McCloskey; 2nd Connie Puckett – Accept the minutes of the July vestry meeting as distributed. Motion carried with no abstention or dissension.

III. Reports

A. Rector's Report - see Attachment I

- Bishop's committee on safety guidelines met today; an updated version of the diocesan guidelines will likely be distributed by the time of Diocesan Convention in October
- Attendance limits will be changed to whatever can be safely accommodated in each church according to distancing rules, not based on a blanket limit or a percentage of membership

B. Wardens

- Senior Warden: Stewardship season is coming: “Be the Church: Physically Separated, Spiritually Connected, Virtually Unstoppable”
 - Stewardship talks: encourage people to record video or audio, or write testimonials, to be able to share their experiences under pandemic
 - Working on a more narrative budget for 2021
 - Maybe a parish-wide check-in at some point?
 - Alternative Time/Talent card
 - Asking for commitment to a smaller range of particular activities/ministries (especially making social contacts, encouragement for fellow parishioners, creative expressions), rather than the traditional Time/Talent card
 - Smaller more focused form, with a more vital open-ended area for volunteering – perhaps in an online form
- Junior Warden:
 - OOTC has added another staff member in a social worker/caseworker role
 - St. Andrew's still scheduled for second two weeks of January

C. Treasurer - distributed electronically prior to meeting

- Income dropped to fairly normal summer levels (monthly deficit for July), but we are still in positive shape for the year

D. Committees and other ministries

- Finance Committee: Although our income this year has been strong, the 2021 budget will plan to hold steady at last year's budget level, given the uncertainty of the ongoing situation
 - **Liaisons should** communicate this mentality to committee chairs

IV. Discussion

- Stewardship: See Senior Warden
- In-person services: If numbers get worse, at what point should we consider cancelling the in-person service?
 - Vestry does not feel that a specific metric is needed at this point but will reconvene for an emergency meeting if anyone feels that the situation warrants a re-examination
 - Vestry supports Fr. Jeff's position and his latitude to cancel services at any point if he feels personally uncomfortable

V. Old Business - none

VI. New Business - none

Meeting adjourned, 9:06pm

Minutes submitted by Kevin M. Lowe, clerk