

St. Andrew's Vestry Minutes

12/14/21

Members Present: Fr. Jeff Packard, Andrea deCarle, Barb Downs, Tom Hall, Paul Hochreiter, Michele Marini, Amy Pritchett, Connie Puckett, JudithAnn Rule, Scott Strouse

Members Absent: Paul Humphreys, Kitty Mussett, Jason McCloskey

Officers Present: Julie Kwasnica

Guests:

Clerk: Kevin Lowe

Call to Order: 7:03 p.m.

I. Opening Prayer - Fr. Jeff

II. Minutes

Motion: Amy Pritchett; 2nd Paul Hochreiter – Accept the minutes of the November vestry meeting as distributed. Motion carried with no abstention or dissension.

III. Reports

A. Rector's Report - see Attachment I

- Christmas Eve plans: The 5:00 family service will not have restricted seating or alternated pews, but ushers will attempt to space people out as much as possible (do not want to turn anyone away on Christmas); takehome Communion is available for those who do not want to attend in person
- There is considerable uncertainty about how many people may attend Christmas services in person, but we trying are trying to negotiate hospitality vs. precaution

B. Wardens

- Senior Warden: OOTC is still going at St. Andrew's until 12/20; there was one guest who tested positive for COVID last week and that individual was isolated; the other guests have been tested and no further positive tests among guests have been detected
- Junior Warden: Bishop's reception was provided; otherwise there are no real Parish Life events taking place

C. Treasurer - distributed electronically prior to meeting. YTD position crossed into the red in November, but we are actually approximately where we budgeted to be

D. Committees and other ministries

- Nominating Committee: Four people have agreed to stand for election to vestry in January.
- Finance Committee: We are currently behind in total number of pledges from 2021, but ahead in terms of dollars pledged (\$334,211 as of 12/12)

IV. Discussion: Annual Meeting –

- Should the meeting be held entirely online (as in 2021), or be in person?
- **Vestry opts to hold Annual Meeting in person, in the church nave, but with a Zoom room open at the same time: Sunday January 30, after 10am service.**
- Vestry election will be held during the meeting by acclamation.

V. Unfinished Business: Budget 2022

- **Motion (Finance): Adopt the 2022 Budget as presented by Finance Committee. Motion carried with no abstention or dissension.**

VI. New Business

1. Parishioners' Ministry Steward Appointments
 - Two stewards' terms are expiring; Term starts on January 1
 - **Rector nominates** Pam Ferguson to serve a 1-year unexpired term
 - **Rector nominates** Anthony Grillo and Beth Jones to serve standard 3-year terms
 - **Motion: Appoint Pam Ferguson, Anthony Grillo, and Beth Jones to be Parishioners' Ministry Stewards. Motion carried with no absence or dissension.**
2. Community Cafe Board of Directors
 - Term to start in January; one board member's term is expiring
 - **Board nominates** Amy Pritchett
 - **Motion: Appoint Amy Pritchett to the Community Cafe Board of Directors. Motion carried with no abstention or dissension.**
3. Set Rector's Housing Allowance for 2022 by Resolution – see Attachment II
 - **Motion: Amy Pritchett; 2nd JudithAnn Rule: Adopt the Clergy Housing Allowance Resolution for 2022. Motion carried with no abstention or dissension.**

Meeting adjourned, 8:36 pm

Minutes submitted by Kevin M. Lowe, clerk

Attachment I

Rector's Report to the Vestry
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Tuesday, December 14, 2021

1. Pastoral: 2 home/hospital Communions; 2 to potentially 4 Wedding preps; 2 Funerals (Allan "Oz" Osborne, 11/13 & Annie Harvey 11/16)
2. Average Sunday Attendance: 96
3. Walter Wells Day, 11/14
4. Implemented serving wine as part of Communion
5. Service at the Village at Penn State, 11/17
6. Kevin Barron's ordination to the priesthood, 11/21—had over 120 people in attendance
7. Newcomers Committee meeting, 12/1
8. Taize services started 12/1, every Wednesday thru the 15th
9. Clergy Council at St. Mark's, Lewistown, 12/2
10. Shaped by Faith meeting at St. John's, Bellefonte, 12/2
11. Bishop's Visit, 12/5—technically 2 bishops if you count Nicholas. She will come again on January 16 to visit at the 5:00 service
12. Finance Committee meeting, 12/7
13. Lessons & Carols service, 12/12—had about 80 attend
14. I contacted Jodi Nedd, the elections coordinator for Centre County and informed her that they have permission to have a polling place here in the future. She said, "Thank you so much! This is going to make my life much easier."
15. I finally received the official ask letter from the diocese for our Fair Share, which you approved last month. I signed the letter and returned it.
16. Clergy Column in CDT: Rabbi Ostrich convinced the local paper to bring back the regular pastor's column. He has brought together a small group of us to write a column that will appear every other Sunday on matters of faith and spirituality. My first column should be in this Sunday's paper, 12/19
17. Ongoing: Diocesan Disciplinary Review Board; bimonthly Clergy Council Meetings with the bishop; bimonthly local ecumenical/interfaith leaders meetings; monthly meeting of downtown pastors; monthly spiritual direction; serving on bishop's Task Force for Operations (related to COVID response)
18. Upcoming: Taize, 12/15; 4 Advent, 12/19; OOTC departs, 12/20; Blue Christmas service, 12/21; Christmas Communion pick up, 12/23; Christmas Eve services at 5 & 8 p.m., 12/24; I will take the week off 12/27-1/2, Eileen Weglarz will supply on 1/2; Wedding, 1/8; Annual Meeting, 1/30

Attachment II
Clergy Housing Allowance Resolution

Resolution of the Vestry of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, State College, PA
December 14, 2021

Whereas the Rev. Jeffrey A. Packard is employed as a minister of the Gospel by St. Andrew's, State College which does not provide a residence for him, the vestry resolves that of the total compensation to be paid to Father Packard during 2022, **\$24,500** be designated a parsonage allowance within the meaning of that term as used in Section 107 of the IRS Code of 1986. This amount for parsonage allowance will continue year and year unless modified and approved by the vestry.