

## St. Andrew's Vestry Minutes 1/12/2021

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: 7:03 p.m.

I. Opening Prayer - Fr. Jeff

II. Minutes

**Motion: Connie Puckett; 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Humphreys – Accept the minutes of the December vestry meeting as distributed. Motion carried with no abstention or dissension.**

III. Reports

A. Rector's Report - see Attachment I

B. Wardens

- Senior Warden: A second stewardship letter went out last week, to those past regular pledgers from whom we have not yet heard. Currently 128 pledges for around \$363,500; this amount is quite a bit lower than we budgeted for.
- Junior Warden: OOTC starts Monday 1/18 at St. Andrew's. There are overnight paid staff now so overnight volunteers are not needed. Everything will be located in 325 and the upper floor hallways.
  - Concern from Community Cafe cooks about sanitation and not sharing spaces
  - Will attempt to air out upper floors and clean surfaces as needed; Godly Play material and teachers may be relocated during the week for video recording to avoid interaction with the space

C. Treasurer - distributed electronically prior to meeting: We remain in a positive financial situation for the year.

D. Committees and other ministries

- Finance Committee: Optimistic that more pledges will continue to come in. The parish ended 2020 with a budget surplus, and also retain money in savings from the PPP loan.
  - **Motion: Finance Committee: Reserve \$722 from the 2020 surplus and transfer it to the Altar Guild Fund to cover the cost of poinsettias for 2020. Motion carried with no abstention or dissension.**
  - **Motion: Finance Committee: Transfer \$20,000 from the 2020 surplus to the Surplus Fund. Motion carried with no abstention or dissension.**

IV. Discussion: What is God bringing forth during this pandemic?

- What have we learned?
  - Patience
  - This has changed the way we do church:
    - Daily Office
    - Godly Play videos
    - Sunday streaming has been a positive benefit
- What should we continue doing?

- Recording services/streaming online
- Using technology to reach people/make church more accessible
- MP could probably continue as a live/Zoom hybrid
- EfM has been really successful on Zoom but could shift to a hybrid model as well
- Online service booklets
- What should we do differently?
  - Are we blurring the lines between groups? Stylistically/generationally?
  - The streamed service could take on different styles (8am, 5pm) in order to include parishioners from the different services
    - There is strong loyalty to worship style and music
  - Could the streams be more robust in terms of community?
    - Opportunities for interaction and prayer in, for instance, the chat space of the Facebook stream
    - Could that space be moderated and used intentionally in a more pastoral way?

## V. Old Business

- A. Endorsement of Kevin Barron for Ordination to the Diaconate
  - Email vote (Attachment II): **Vestry endorses Kevin Barron for Ordination to the Diaconate.**

## VI. New Business

- A. Annual meeting, January 31, 2021
  - **Motion: Kathryn Yahner; 2<sup>nd</sup> Jason McCloskey: For 2021, waive the Communion requirement for parish electors, and waive the requirement for vestry members and convention delegates to be communicants in good standing. Motion carried with no abstention or dissension.**
- B. Nomination of new Parishioners' Ministry Stewards
  - Fr. Jeff nominates Sarah Klinetob Lowe and Wendi Keeler. They will be announced at the annual meeting, and confirmation will take place under the new vestry.
- C. Community Cafe Board of Directors
  - **Motion: Community Cafe Board: Appoint Grace Pilato and Scott Thomas to the Community Cafe Board. Motion carried with no abstention or dissension.**

Meeting adjourned, 8:50pm

Minutes submitted by Kevin M. Lowe, clerk

## Attachment I

Rector's Report to the Vestry  
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church  
Tuesday, January 12, 2021

1. Pastoral: 1 Wedding prep ongoing; 3 Weddings on hold; 2 Funerals on hold
2. Average Sunday Attendance: 110 (year end 2020)
3. We had 3 meditative prayer services during Advent, in the spirit of the Taize services we would normally have had. Thanks to Michele Marini for doing the work to bring that service to reality, and to Steve and Lisa Hopkins for providing the music.
4. Put out Lessons and Carols service as an online video, 12/13
5. Sacred Ground, 12/16 --Started the program on racism and justice that has been put together by the national church. Will continue with the group over 10 sessions.
6. Christmas service, pre-recorded, along with choral prelude and children's pageant. We also had a Zoom carol sing-a-long which had much interest. The Communion distribution for Christmas seemed to be very well received. Almost 250 Communion (servings) were distributed.
7. It was a very strange Christmas Eve and Christmas Day for me personally as I have been doing services for the past 30 years or so. Not having services on Christmas Eve was both enjoyable being home with the family, and disorienting.
8. Took a week off after Christmas. Had no worship offering on January 3. Encouraged our parishioners to virtually attend the diocesan service that was provided or another church online that they prefer.
9. We received the distribution from the Virginia Suhey Trust that I mentioned in my report last month. It was just over \$20,000. I have sent a thank you to her daughter who was the trustee. As per our practice, the money has been put into our General Endowment. The vestry controls the General Endowment.
10. Ongoing: Diocesan Standing Committee, vicechair; bimonthly Clergy Council Meetings with the bishop; bimonthly local ecumenical/interfaith leaders meetings; we've started a monthly meeting of downtown pastors (in addition to the larger ecumenical meeting); monthly spiritual direction
11. Upcoming: Sacred Ground: 1/27; Annual Meeting, 1/31; Ash Wednesday, 2/17; Vestry Retreat, 2/20

**Attachment II  
Email Vote**

**We do certify that, after due inquiry, we are well assured and believe that Kevin Barron, for the past three years has lived a sober, honest and godly life. And, is loyal to the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of this Church, and does not hold anything contrary thereto. And, moreover, we think this is a person worthy to be admitted to the Sacred Order of Deacons.**

Please 'reply all' with your *yea* or *nay* vote the the preceding statement as soon as possible. If this passes, I will circulate a .pdf for you to sign electronically.

Thanks,  
Jeff+

**Michele Marini**

Tue, Jan 5, 2021 at 5:19 PM

A resounding YES

Michele Marini

**Kevin Lowe**

Tue, Jan 5, 2021 at 5:22 PM

I vote yea!  
Kevin Lowe

**Paul Humphreys**

Tue, Jan 5, 2021 at 5:27 PM

Hi, everyone,  
I vote an enthusiastic "yes" !!

**Christina Ford**

Tue, Jan 5, 2021 at 5:38 PM

I vote yes.

-Christina

**JudithAnn Rule**

Tue, Jan 5, 2021 at 5:42 PM

Dear All!  
Yes,yes for Kevin!  
JudithAnn

**Andrea de Carle**

Tue, Jan 5, 2021 at 5:48 PM

I vote yes.  
Andrea

**Kathryn Yahner**

Tue, Jan 5, 2021 at 6:03 PM

I vote yea!  
Kathryn

**Connie Puckett <>**

Tue, Jan 5, 2021 at 6:04 PM

Yes!  
Connie

**Jason McCloskey >**

Wed, Jan 6, 2021 at 9:50 AM

Yea!  
Jason

**Scott Strouse >**

Wed, Jan 6, 2021 at 9:52 AM

Yes

**Lovisky, Greg Edward >**

Wed, Jan 6, 2021 at 10:52 AM

Yes!  
Greg



**ENDORSEMENT FOR ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE**  
**Diocese of Central Pennsylvania**

Date: January 6, 2021

To the Bishop and the Commission on Ministry  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

We do certify that, after due inquiry, we are well assured and believe that  
Kevin Wayne Barron, for the past three years has lived a sober, honest and godly life.  
And, is loyal to the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of this Church, and does not hold anything contrary  
thereto. And, moreover, we think this is a person worthy to be admitted to the Sacred Order of Deacons.

**Members of the Vestry**

Andrea de Carle  
Andrea de Carle (Jan 8, 2021 12:13 EST)

Elizabeth Ford  
Elizabeth Ford (Jan 8, 2021 20:09 EST)

Paul L. Humphreys  
Paul L. Humphreys (Jan 7, 2021 08:18 EST)

Greg Loviscky  
Greg Loviscky (Jan 7, 2021 08:50 EST)

Kevin M. Lowe  
Kevin M. Lowe (Jan 6, 2021 18:08 EST)

Michele E. Marini  
Michele E. Marini (Jan 6, 2021 18:24 EST)

Jason McCloskey

Kathryn A. Mussett  
Kathryn A. Mussett (Jan 6, 2021 18:09 EST)

Jeffrey A. Packard  
Jeffrey A. Packard (Jan 9, 2021 13:17 EST)

Judith Ann Rule  
Judith Ann Rule (Jan 9, 2021 08:37 MST)

Date: January 6, 2021

I hereby certify that the foregoing certificate was signed at a meeting of the Vestry of  
St. Andrew's, State College Parish on the 6th day of  
January 2021, and that the names attached are those of all (or  
two-thirds majority of all) the members of the Vestry.

Kevin M. Lowe  
Kevin M. Lowe (Jan 6, 2021 18:08 EST)

Clerk of the Vestry