

St. Andrew's Vestry Minutes 03/10/2020

Members Present: Fr. Jeff Packard, Andrea deCarle, Christina Ford, Greg Lovisky, Kevin Lowe, Michele Marini, Kitty Mussett, Scott Strouse, Kathryn Yahner
Members Absent: Paul Humphreys, Jason McCloskey, Connie Puckett, JudithAnn Rule
Guests:
Clerk: Kevin Lowe
Call to Order: 7:04 p.m.

- I. Opening Prayer - Fr. Jeff
- II. Minutes

Motion: Kathryn Yahner; 2nd Michele Marini – Accept the minutes of the February vestry meeting as distributed. Motion carried with no abstention or dissension.

III. Reports

A. Rector's Report - see Attachment I

- #22: Starting this weekend, the chalice will be suspended during Communion as a precaution against COVID-19

B. Wardens

○ Senior Warden:

- Stewardship totals: Pledge total is \$437,108 (ten thousand above the austerity budget level, although we are not yet at restorative levels)
- Intend to install a mite box for Parishioner's Ministry; a woodworker is sought to make the box for us
- The Realm system has a cardswiper available, which we will order and have available for fundraisers

○ Junior Warden: nothing to report

C. Treasurer - distributed electronically prior to meeting

D. Committees and other ministries

○ Adult Formation:

- The committee is interested in doing a used book sale fundraiser in conjunction with the Arts Fest pie sale. **Vestry authorizes the Adult Formation Committee to hold the fundraiser.**
- In addition, Community Cafe has offered leadership of the pie sale fundraiser to Adult Formation or other ministries within the church
 - AF is not interested in taking over the pie sale; no immediate interest from anyone else in taking over the sale either; CC already has the infrastructure and the experience to run this fundraiser
 - There is interest in asking CC whether they would be willing to share some of the proceeds from the sale with Parishioner's Ministry, especially if some of the volunteer labor were shared by members of the parish
- The committee is also interested in pursuing building an outdoor labyrinth, as well as holding a quiet day in the fall and possibly organizing a parish retreat

IV. Discussion: Kathryn Yahner report on Rooted in Jesus conference

- Emphasis on telling our story – both in terms of the parish and the church as a whole
- Attended sessions on stewardship practices, communication and social media, engaging with

- young adult ministry, and fostering evangelism in parishes
- There were exciting and diverse liturgies, including an experiential prayer arena

V. Old Business (Action Item Register)

- Strategic planning talks: Ron and Sharon Rovansek talked about the Cafe on Sunday; this coming Sunday, Melanie Miller Foster will talk about Global Connections and its usage of the St. Andrew's facility
- Second phase of the strategic planning is coming soon (Easter): intention is to break the parish into small groups and organize the small group discussions

VI. New Business

1. Email vote: **Authorize Community Cafe to apply for participation with Centre Gives. Motion carried with two abstentions and no dissension.**
2. Kevin Barron Candidacy Endorsement (Attachment III)
 - Since postulancy, Kevin has been serving as a part-time lay pastor at St. Luke's, Altoona
 - Kevin also co-teaches the anti-racism course for the Stevenson school
 - Kevin has completed all his coursework and only has CPE left to complete
 - **Motion: Kitty Mussett; 2nd Kathryn Yahner: Endorse Kevin Barron for Candidacy for Holy Orders. Motion carried with no abstention or dissension.**
3. **Motion: Kitty Mussett; 2nd Greg Lovisky. Approve the 2019 Parochial Report. Motion carried with no abstention or dissension.**
4. **Appoint Steven Smith to a 3-year term as Parishioner's Ministry Steward. Motion carried with no abstention or dissension.**
5. **Appoint Kitty Mussett chair of Evangelism and Newcomers Committee. Motion carried with no abstention or dissension.**
6. Organ repair / plaster work: **Motion (Finance Committee): Take \$1150 from the Breneman Fund to pay for the plaster repair in the organ room. Motion carried with no abstention or dissension.**
7. Parking contract: **Motion: Greg Lovisky; 2nd Kitty Mussett: Approve the parking contract for the Memorial Field contractors for up to four parking spaces. Motion carried with no abstention or dissension.**

Meeting adjourned, 9:25pm

Minutes submitted by Kevin M. Lowe, clerk

Attachment I

Rector's Report to the Vestry
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Tuesday, March 10, 2020

1. Pastoral: 2 home/hospital Communion; 3 Wedding preps ongoing; 2 Baptismal preps coming up
2. Average Sunday Attendance: 172
3. Worship Committee met 2/12—planned liturgical details through Pentecost
4. Everything you ever wanted to know about the Episcopal Church but were afraid to ask, 2/15
5. Attended a Taize service planning session, 2/15
6. Shaped by Faith meeting with bishop and her staff, 2/16
7. Attended Adult Formation meeting, 2/17
8. Attended the Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes (CEEP) conference in Louisville, 2/19-22. You may have heard that one of the attendees is a priest in DC who developed symptoms and then tested positive for COVID19 right after the conference. They say that as he did not have symptoms at the time he attended the conference, he was not contagious. Plus, I found out about this 15 days after leaving the conference. So, the 14 day quarantine would have been over at that point.
9. Supply on 2/23—Allison St. Louis in the morning, John Harwood in the evening. I heard universal good reports on Allison as a supply priest. She is now at the top of my list. She comes from the York area. She stayed in Trinity House the night before.
10. Shrove Tuesday dinner, 2/25
11. Ash Wednesday, 2/26, three services, over 130 attendees
12. I led the first Stations of the Cross on 2/28. Kevin Barron and Anthony Grillo will be leading the rest of these during Lent for me.
13. Helped lead the Daughters of the King Quiet Day, 2/29
14. Standing Committee meeting, 3/3
15. Attended the first Taize Lenten service, 3/4
16. Led the first Lenten program on “Where Are We Now,” 3/4
17. Clergy Council with the bishop, 3/5
18. CEEP membership—our membership dues are due. It's \$750 annually. We've been members for two years. This would be our third. After attending the annual gathering, I would say it is definitely a good thing. I don't know if I would attend every year. To maximize the value, we should have others attend too. Last year when we discussed whether we would continue as members, we talked about splitting the cost with St. John's in Bellefonte (not an approved option, but it would contain that cost for us somewhat). Fr. Carlos is checking with his vestry and will get back to me later this week as to whether that is an option. I will report back in April and see if we want to continue as members. For now, I am just holding onto the invoice for dues.
19. Some upcoming stuff to let you know about...
 1. [Ride of Silence](#)—This is an international day to remember those who have been injured or killed while riding their bicycle. Locally, it's in its second year. They will start and end on our property this year on May 23. They plan to get Fraser Street closed and to have food trucks, and a beer truck, for some socializing after the ride. They are open to me saying a prayer before the ride begins, and I will personally invite the riders to our blessing of bikes the next day on May 24. If this goes well, they intend to continue this event annually.
 2. Pentecost Jazz Mass, May 31—The 5:00 service will feature an original Jazz Mass with a band performing works by Steve Hopkins (he is still composing!). Bishop Scanlan plans to attend.
 3. Special Choral Mass in the morning service during the Arts Festival, July 12. This would be included in the official events of the fest.

4. State College [Pride Festival and Parade](#), June 13—We will have our first local Pride Parade this summer. I have agreed to allow them to use our bathrooms, and 2 spaces for VIP parking in the back, and we will be one of the alternates for rain shelter for those manning tables.
5. There is an event in the works, tentatively over Labor Day weekend. It will be a fun event and a fundraiser. We're looking at renting the barn at Millbrook Marsh, having the event catered, and hiring a band. Lucy Rogers is working on details with Kathy Hickner. Nothing is set at this point. We would advertise in the community.
20. Please review the Leaders Contact List that will be distributed at the meeting. Share with your committee leadership. Let us know if there are any mistakes or updates needed.
21. Kistler Trust: There is movement once again on the Kistler Trust. This is a charitable trust of which St. Andrew's is a 5% beneficiary. The trust is a 1/3 owner of two properties downtown. There is another trust, the Nicholas Trust, that is another 1/3 owner. The Nicholas Trust has two charitable beneficiaries. There was an offer of \$13,000,000 to purchase the properties that has fallen through. Now the other 1/3 owner, Bruce Heim, is making another attempt to buy out the charities. There will be a conference call next Wednesday, 3/18, with all charities. I have asked our lawyer, Doug Lovinsky, to be present on that call. Wardens are also trying to arrange to be present. We will report back next month.
22. Coronavirus: I have taken the measures of asking people not to shake hands in church, use the hand sanitizer before receiving Communion, and advising anyone with personal concerns to avoid the chalice altogether. If more measures are called for, I am considering a disposable cup option for those who wish to receive wine, or perhaps just giving Communion in one kind, bread only.
If we are not allowed to gather for worship, I can record a sermon and share it via email. We can encourage people to post prayers on Facebook. We can also reinvigorate online giving with emails and links. I'm interested to hear your concerns and thoughts about the current situation and the possible future measures.
23. Ongoing: : Diocesan Standing Committee, vicechair; Monthly Clericus Meetings; Bi-monthly Clergy Council Meetings with the bishop; Bi-monthly local ecumenical/interfaith leaders meeting
24. Upcoming: Lenten Wednesday programs continue next week; I'm attending a fundraising workshop this Saturday, 3/14 with Pam Ferguson and JudithAnn Rule in Harrisburg; Bishop visit/Confirmations, 3/17; I will participate in the diocesan renewal of ordination vows, 3/31; Holy Week and Easter services, 4/9-12

Attachment II
Email Vote

Do you approve the Community Cafe to apply for participation in the Centre Gives fundraiser?

Lovisky, Greg Edward <gel102@psu.edu>

Fri, Mar 6, 2020 at 3:14 PM

From what I understand, Centre Gives is a relatively easy, effective way to fundraise. I do not have any questions about the attached application.

I vote YES.

Seems like a great way to raise funds for Community Cafe!

Greg

Kathryn Yahner <kathryn.yahner@gmail.com>

Fri, Mar 6, 2020 at 3:19 PM

Looks good to me, as well. Yes.

Kathryn

Kevin Lowe <kevinlowe33@gmail.com>

Fri, Mar 6, 2020 at 3:22 PM

I vote yes.

Kevin

Connie Puckett <cjpuckett@comcast.net>

Fri, Mar 6, 2020 at 3:24 PM

I vote yes also!

Connie

Mussett, Kathryn Ann <kam13@psu.edu>

Fri, Mar 6, 2020 at 3:27 PM

My vote is yes.

Kitty

Michele <michelemarini@comcast.net>

Fri, Mar 6, 2020 at 3:33 PM

I vote yes.
Michele Marini

Jason McCloskey <jam080@bucknell.edu>

Fri, Mar 6, 2020 at 5:15 PM

I vote YES.
Jason McCloskey

Christina Ford <tapsy@hotmail.com>

Sat, Mar 7, 2020 at 7:56 AM

I vote Yes.
Christina Ford

Paul Humphreys <plhumphreys@comcast.net>

Sat, Mar 7, 2020 at 10:03 AM

Good morning, everyone!

I vote "yes" .

Andrea de Carle <adecarle13@gmail.com>

Sat, Mar 7, 2020 at 11:10 AM

I vote yes
Andrea

Attachment III
Endorsement of Kevin Barron



ENDORSEMENT OF CANDIDACY FOR HOLY ORDERS
DIOCESE OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

Date: March 10, 2020

To the Bishop and the Commission on Ministry
Diocese of Central Pennsylvania

We, whose names are hereunder written, give it as our judgment that
Kevin Barron is a confirmed, adult communicant in good
standing in this parish. We declare that, in our opinion, this person possesses such
qualifications as would be fitting for admission as a Candidate for Holy Orders.

Our judgment is based on:

- (a) Personal knowledge of the applicant, or
- (b) Evidence satisfactory to us.

Signed *Jerry A. Paolod*
(Rector)

Vestry of the Parish

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| <u><i>Kathryn B. Yelton</i></u> | <u><i>Kenneth</i></u> |
| <u><i>Andrew de Paul</i></u> | <u><i>Christine Ford</i></u> |
| <u><i>Scott C. Strouse</i></u> | _____ |
| <u><i>Greg Korsch</i></u> | _____ |
| <u><i>Kathryn A. Mussett</i></u> | _____ |
| <u><i>Michele Mann</i></u> | _____ |

Attestation of the foregoing Certificate

I hereby certify that the foregoing certificate was signed at a meeting of the Vestry of
St. Andrew's, State College Parish on the 10th day of March 2020 and
the names attached are those of all (or two-thirds majority of all) the members of the
Vestry.

Signed *Kenneth*
Clerk or Secretary of the Vestry