

St. Andrew's Vestry Minutes 11/10/2020

Members Present: Fr. Jeff Packard, Andrea deCarle, Christina Ford, Paul Humphreys, Greg Loviscky, Kevin Lowe, Michele Marini, Jason McCloskey, Connie Puckett, Scott Strouse, Kathryn Yahner
Members Absent: Kitty Mussett, JudithAnn Rule
Guests: Julie Kwasnica
Clerk: Kevin Lowe
Call to Order: 7:03 p.m.

I. Opening Prayer - Fr. Jeff

II. Minutes

Motion: Jason McCloskey; 2nd Michele Marini – Accept the minutes of the October vestry meeting as distributed. Motion carried with no abstention or dissension.

III. Reports

A. Rector's Report - see Attachment I

B. Wardens

- Senior Warden: Stewardship campaign has begun; as of Sunday, 86 pledges had come in (~\$251K); progress is basically on track with last year
- Junior Warden (Nominating Committee): Three people have thus far accepted nominations to run for vestry seats

C. Treasurer - distributed electronically prior to meeting: October income was low, but we are still in a positive situation for the year overall

D. Committees and other ministries

- Finance Committee: see New Business

IV. Discussion – Goals for Trinity House

- Questions from Fr Jeff:
 - There is no debt on Trinity House; it costs around \$4000/year in utilities and upkeep. Do we want to keep putting this money into TH, break even on it, or make money?
 - Do we want the property to be strictly an income producer or have a ministry component?
 - Would we be willing to underwrite a ministry effort or should it be self-supporting?
 - How important are the parking spaces?
 - Do any of our short-term goals cut off possible long-term uses?
- Vestry would like to see TH have a substantial ministry component and would like the property to at least break even; willing to devote a few of the parking spaces to tenants as needed
- An ad hoc committee is formed to create a draft plan for short-term TH usage: Fr Jeff, Sarah Klinetob Lowe, Paul Humphreys, Greg Loviscky

V. Old Business - none

VI. New Business

- Vestry planning retreat is set for February 20
- Diocesan Fair Share for 2021 budget

Motion: Jason McCloskey; 2nd Kathryn Yahner – Budget \$74,645.08 as our Diocesan Fair Share payment for 2021. Motion carried with no abstention or dissension.

- Thanksgiving Offering

Motion: Jason McCloskey; 2nd Paul Humphreys – Designate the 2020 Thanksgiving Offering to benefit Parishioners Ministry. Motion carried with no abstention or dissension.

- Budget 2021: Finance Committee has presented a preliminary budget draft for 2021, keeping the overall budget in line with the 2020 austerity budget and making necessary adjustments for staff COLA and medical insurance. A few lines have been reduced (flowers, outside staff, etc.) but given the overall uncertainty about 2021 FC recommends keeping everything essentially the same.

Meeting adjourned, 8:15pm

Minutes submitted by Kevin M. Lowe, clerk

Attachment I

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

1. Pastoral: 2 home/hospital Communion; 1 Funeral—Derald Stump, 10/24; 1 Wedding—non-members, 10/31; 2 Funerals pending (on hold); 3 Weddings pending (on hold)
2. Average Sunday Attendance: 114
3. Diocesan Convention, 10/17—Christina elected to Board of Trustees
4. Community Café Board, 10/18
5. Rite-13, 10/18—outside, socially distanced, one youth on Facetime
6. Daughters of the King renewal of their vows, 11/1—via Zoom
7. Standing Committee, 11/3
8. Election Day stuff—church open for prayers, Zoom room open for prayers-I led one top of the hour session, 3 labyrinths on the property available
9. Kistler Trust: I communicated to the trustee that we would not require an appraisal before negotiations commence for the sale of the properties to the developer. All trust beneficiaries agreed. I haven't heard anything further.
10. Advent & Christmas:
 - a. We will decorate the church, a little less than usual, but it will still be festive.
 - b. We will record families lighting the Advent wreath and post those videos just before each Sunday morning service goes live.
 - c. There will be an outdoor gathering, probably in Friedman Park, on 12/6 with light refreshments, carol singing, and Saint Nicholas.
 - d. We will record a shortened Lessons and Carols service and it will take the place of the 10:00 service on 12/13.
 - e. I will pre-record a Christmas Eve service that will be a little more special than our usual online service. That video will post 12/24.
 - f. We will have two in-person services on Christmas Eve, at 6:00 and 10:00. Pre-registration required. Only the number we can accommodate with social distance. Still no singing. It will be a shorter than usual service.
 - g. I am canceling the Christmas Day service
11. I am working with Teri Smith, Gloria Meder, and Melody Chisholm to design a new dossal (the hanging against the wall behind the side altar). Gloria's family wanted to give something in honor of her 90th birthday. Melody will create the design as an applique. The design and colors will be intended to be used year-round. It's a real pain to change that dossal which requires someone standing on top of the altar. The design will be a Celtic cross. If we need more money, I may come back to you requesting Memorial Funds, but we are trying to keep it affordable. Gloria has served on our altar guild for umpteen years, so this seemed like a fitting tribute.
12. 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
13. Upcoming: Thanksgiving; Advent 1, 11/29; St. Nick in the Park