

19 April 2022 Saint Andrew's Vestry Minutes

Present: Clarke Kidder (Jr. Warden), Susan Youngs (Clerk), Randy Galinat, Betsy Wilder, Jim Whinn (Treasurer), Judy White, Trish Chandler, Reed Loy (Vicar), Lucy Crichton, Steve Largy, Paul Jones, Steve Trafton, Anne McCausland (Sr. Warden), Diane LesBecquets

Absent:

Meeting called to order at 7:01

Opening Prayer and Reflection: Betsy led a prayer, and read a statement about love holding a scale—which makes the scale “stop working.” We discussed what this might mean.

Consent Agenda: Steve L. moved that we accept the Consent Agenda; Betsy seconded. Unanimously approved.

- Receiving Committee Reports (from Buildings and Grounds, including Memorial Garden; Christian Formation; and Outreach):
- Committee/Liaison Job Descriptions for the Committees of the Vestry.
- Receiving the March Financial Report.

Accepting Minutes from Last Meeting: Randy moved to approve, Judy seconded. Unanimously approved. Diane abstained.

Old Business:

- Parish Life Committee, proposal for regathering social time: Betsy proposed that we handle social events with a sign-up genius. If people do not sign up, we'd just decide to table that event. We'll revisit this next month.
- Revisiting funding motions from May 2021 and Jan. 2022 (for greater clarity).
 1. Jim Whinn, Treasurer, moved that the Vestry authorize the treasurer to withdraw a total of \$35,000 from the Lucia P. Ewing Diocesan Investment Fund to provide the money requested in previous motions passed by the Vestry in May 2021 for \$20,000 and in January 2022 for \$15,000. Clarke seconded. Anne amended the motion to say that the treasurer should withdraw the money from money that's been donated already for the capital campaign rather than the Lucia Ewing fund. Lucy seconded. Jim accepted this friendly amendment. The amended motion was approved unanimously.
 2. Jim Whinn, Treasurer, moved that the loan repayment funds, beginning with the first loan payment in March 2021, shall come from the Capital Campaign income. Anne seconded. Unanimously approved.

New Business:

- Formation Committee: looking ahead to formation needs: Diane LesBecquets talked about the growth of the Atrium program. However, we don't really have anything for older youths, and the Formation Committee wants to come up with some way to

increase youth participation. The Formation Committee would like it if the Vestry could think about this and discuss more next month.

- Proposal for a church sign: Melissa Trafton presented some of the options we could consider for a new sign. We agreed that we do want a new sign. Diane moved that Melissa move forward with getting a sign designed. Randy seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Family Promise Update. Trish pointed out that parish involvement has declined, and she is wondering if people don't really know what the program really is. We discussed our individual ideas of what Family Promise actually does.
- Assistant Treasurer who can approve checks needed while Jim is on vacation from 1-21 June. Betsy volunteered. Anne moved that we appoint Betsy as Assistant Treasurer for the month of June. Clarke seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Gift approval motions:
 - Trish moved to accept, with gratitude of the Vestry and congregation, the gift from Jim Whinn of a large wooden cross used for the first time at our recent Good Friday service; a cross constructed by Jim out of cedar boards logged and milled by his own uncle many decades ago, and now helping us in our walk with Jesus at St. Andrew's. Further, to accept it according to all the provisions of our Bylaws for its use, adaptation, or disposal, with its receipt being added to the permanent records of St. Andrew's. Judy seconded. Unanimously approved. Jim abstained.
 - Randy moved to accept, with the gratitude of the Vestry and congregation, the balcony table now holding our digital worship equipment, two candlesticks for the use of the Atrium, and a new Paschal Candle stand recently used for the first time at the Easter Vigil. These are those items of oak and black walnut, which Clarke is heard to say, "come to him as inspirations," and now bless our worship. Also, to formally accept with gratitude, if they were not previously, all worship furniture constructed by Clarke for the Chapel, including altar, bookstand, and candlesticks. Further, to accept all these according to the provisions of our Bylaws, for their use, adaptation, or disposal, with their receipt being added to the permanent records of St. Andrew's. Jim seconded. Unanimously approved. Clarke abstained.

Upcoming Special Celebrations/Events/Dates:

- Baptisms: Easter 2: Annabella Jones, Easter 5: Joey Cherniske, Easter 6: Jeff, Ellie, Nora, and Clare Collins
- 25-29 April: Rev. Reed out of office but available by phone
- 27 April: Blood Drive
- 15 May after 10 a.m. worship: Parish Cleanup
- 22-29 May: Family Promise
- 5 June: Blessing of Atrium Participants. Pentecost.
- 12 June: Blessing of Graduates and last Sunday of 8 and 10 a.m. worship
- 20-26 June, 27 June-4 July, 20-26 July: Rev. Reed vacation

Next Vestry Meetings: 17 May, 21 June (no July meeting), 16 August, 20 September, 18 October, 15 November, 20 December.

Thank-you Cards: to Liz Carey for hot cross buns, choir breakfast, and Good Friday altar arrangements. Steve Largy volunteered to write this. To John Gfroerer for all his work with the Lenten readings. Diane volunteered to write this. To Liz Cooper for all her work as head of the altar guild. Lucy agreed to do this. To Judy McPhail for all her outreach work. Anne will do that.

Closing Prayer: Betsy offered a closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at: 9:01.

Consent Agenda

TLC REPORT

After preparing and giving out numerous “pantry bags” and offering a wonderful variety of “video visits” things have been a bit quieter with TLC.

We are tending to several parishioners with on-going issues, especially, with Betsy’s help, to Martha & Ed during this frightening time for them.

In addition, parishioners with recent Covid diagnosis are happy we have touched base with them. It is good news they have mild symptoms are not in need of any help.

We continue to welcome new parishioners with loaves of fresh-baked bread.