

23 May 2023 Saint Andrew's Vestry Minutes

Present: Bishop Rob Hirschfeld, Paul Jones, Susan Youngs (Clerk), George Schell, Randy Galinat, Jim Whinn (Treasurer), Judy White, Clarke Kidder (Jr. Warden), Fred Briccetti (Sr. Warden),

Absent: Liz Cooper, Chris Miller, Steve Trafton

Meeting called to order at 7:01

Opening Prayer and Reflection: Bishop Robert Hirschfeld offered a prayer and then led us in a discussion of a passage from Numbers 11:24-30. The passage covers a time during the Exodus when some of the people are becoming restless, so God sends some spirit into others besides Moses. As in many groups, there appears to be some resentment against a few men who prophesy even though they weren't among the group gathered together.

Consent Agenda: Susan moved a George seconded to accept the Consent Agenda. Unanimously approved.

- Reports
 - Mission Outreach Ministry Committee (April Blood Drive)
 - Worship Committee (Lay Eucharistic Ministers License)
- No Report:
 - Finance Committee
 - Parish Life Committee
 - Capital Campaign Projects
 - Christian Formation Committee
 - Stewardship Committee

Receiving Treasurer's Report: Fred moved and Randy seconded to receive the Treasurer's Report. Unanimously approved.

Accepting Minutes from Last Meeting: Clarification on wording of church sign motion:

- This is the changed needed in the April meeting minutes: Fred moved and Jim seconded that the sign process needs no further authority from the Vestry, and that the funding will come from the Capital Campaign funds. Approved. Melissa Trafton will, however, report to the Vestry the final cost and plan for completion.
- Fred moved and Jim seconded to accept the amended minutes. Unanimously approved.

New Business:

- Bishop Robert Hirschfeld conversation
 - Update on Diocese events.
 - The Diocese has noticed a resurgence among many parishes post COVID, especially those congregations that are very welcoming. Other congregations, those who are in decline, seem to have a little bit of

stagnation and perhaps not the most welcoming leadership and members.

- Another positive element: the new School for Ministry is up and running and appears to be doing well.
- There are other changes among other congregations that need work.
- Bishop's questions for Saint Andrew's Vestry: how could Saint Andrew's "plant" a new congregation elsewhere?
- Saint Andrew's Vestry questions for the bishop: We spent a bit of time talking about Zoom worship and whether it should continue.
- Church Sign:
 - Motion to confer Agent status on Melissa Trafton for obtaining variance from Hopkinton Village on church sign size. Jim moved that, since the sign design approved by the sign committee is larger than the village zoning regulations and in accordance with Article 9 of the St. Andrew's bylaws, the Vestry appoint Melissa Trafton as an agent of the Congregation for the purpose of obtaining a variance from the Hopkinton Village Zoning Board of Appeals for the proposed new church sign. Clarke seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Discussion of the first chapter of *How to Lead, When You Don't Know Where You're Going* (Tabled until June meeting)

Old Business:

- Vestry Liaisons
 - Assignments to standing committees/ministries
 - Buildings and Grounds Committee (Clarke & George)
 - Worship Committee (Randy & Liz)
 - Parish Life Committee (Susan)
 - Mission Outreach Ministry Committee (Chris)
 - Finance Committee (Jim)
 - Capital Campaign Projects (George)
 - Christian Formation Committee (Paul & Steve)
 - Stewardship Committee (Judy)
- New Atrium Partition Wall Progress Update: Clarke says the wall project is coming along and should be done by end of August.
- Capital Campaign Update: George says that approximately within a month, two of the three stained glass windows that have been removed should be reinstalled. The clear glass windows will take a bit longer.
- Phase 2 of Insulation Project: Clarke and George have met with the contractor, and this should be in progress soon.
- Sabbatical: How is it going? Our general impression is that all is going well.

Upcoming Special Celebrations/Events/Dates:

- 28 May: Pentecost (8 and 10) with Confirmation and Reception at 10:00
- 11 June: Celebration Sunday with Parish Picnic

- 21 June: Blood Drive

Sabbatical Formation Events Led by Rev. Susan Eibner:

- 21 May: "God Sits in my Pews" (this was held during worship)
- 25 June: Garden Worship Event (during garden worship service)
- 23 July: Outdoor Exploration (guided walk, possibly in Greenway, followed by picnic)

Thank-you Cards: Jim will send one to Steve Largy for continuing doing the reconciling work on our bank records.

Next Meetings: 27 June, no July meeting, 22 August, 26 September, 24 October, 28 November, December TBA

Closing Prayer: 8:38

Meeting adjourned at: 8:

Consent Agenda Reports

Mission Outreach Ministry Report May 2023

- Blood Drive – Jim Whinn - On April 19th, the American Red Cross collected 33 units of blood, 28 whole blood units and 5 units via the Power Red procedure. There were 11 volunteers, 9 from St. Andrew's and 2 from First Congregational Church, who helped at this drive. The next American Red Cross blood drive at St. Andrew's is scheduled for June 21, 2023.

Lay Eucharistic Minister Licenses

At the 10/18/2022 vestry meeting, the vestry unanimously approved the licensing of four new Eucharistic Ministers. For enter into the minutes the names of those approved: Shelli Gay, Erin Collins, Jill Miller, Justine Largy
Names submitted by Kim Wertz