

St. John's Episcopal Church
Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
January 17, 2021
Held Via ZOOM

Present: Fr. Hahneman, S. McFeely, M.B. Witt, S. Coles, M. Davis, D. Gillespie, A. Kalnins, L. Littlefield, R. Futh, R. Bent

Absent: J. Beattie, D. Campbell, H. Brown, C. Dubow

Opening Prayer

Fr. Hahneman opened the meeting with a prayer.

Nominating Committee

Penny Bardel, Chair, presented the report of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee also includes Ted Bent and Constance Littlefield. The report recommended that the terms of the wardens should be adjusted to return to having staggered terms, with the result that one warden will come up for election each year. Ms. Bardel also explained the Committee's conclusion that it was in the interests of the parish to maintain continuity of the officers, and that the selection of new Vestry members reflected a desire of the Committee and the Vestry to have broad representation from the parish and to bring in new members who have not previously served on the Vestry. The committee received sufficient nominations to fill the upcoming vacancies from a diverse candidate pool. After discussion, the following slate was approved:

For Warden for one year: Susan McFeely

For Warden for two years: David Gillespie

For Clerk for one year: Joan Beattie

For Treasurer for one year Larry Littlefield

For Assistant Treasurer for one year: Hunter Brown

For the Vestry for three years: Joseph Claro, Laura Daly and Veronique Dulack

For Delegates to the Diocesan Convention for one year: Sara Coles and M.B. Witt

December Minutes

The minutes for the December meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report and Vestry Approval of the 2021 Budget

Mr. Littlefield presented the financial report and the proposed budget for 2021 and noted the receipt of 36 pledges for 2021. This totaled \$158,280, and is the amount included for pledge income in the proposed budget for 2021. After discussion, the Vestry approved the 2021 budget, which will then be available for review at the upcoming Annual Meeting of the parish. Mr. Littlefield noted that the application to forgive the parish's PPP loan was approved.

Foundation Report

Ms. Davis reported that the Foundation continues to benefit from favorable market performance. She discussed the possibility of applying for a grant from the ECCT of up to \$8,000 for capital expenditures to be made in connection with restoration of the church doors. The grant may be applied for only after the improvements have been completed.

Report on Vestry Pastoral Calls

Ms. Davis reported that the Vestry had been successful in making calls to a majority of the parish in an effort to stay connected, to find out how everyone is doing and to remind people of our need for completed pledges so that we can create an accurate budget for 2021.

Building Use Committee Report

Ms. McFeely asked that it be reported that the rectory rental is proceeding smoothly, and that the tenants have agreed to extend through July and possibly through September. Francisco and Marjorie continue to reside in the cottage, and they have been very helpful in volunteering for various maintenance projects around the campus. Ms. McFeely also reported that she has secured a commitment from AH Yoga to enter into a use agreement to hold approximately one yoga class per day in the parish hall for approximately one class a day. This arrangement is expected to produce additional income of \$14,400 per year, and because of the spiritual and well-being aspects of the classes, this use is in alignment with the mission of the parish. Fr Hahneman acknowledged his agreement to the proposed arrangement, which is subject to his authority.

Warden's Report

Mr. Gillespie apologized for being late.

Priest-in-Charge Report

1. Fr. Hahneman provided the proposed list of parishioners eligible to vote at the upcoming annual meeting, and asked for any corrections or additions. After some discussion, the Vestry approved the proposed list.
2. Fr. Hahneman described the preparations underway to conduct the 2021 annual meeting via ZOOM.
3. Fr. Hahneman expressed his interest in finding additional uses for the parish hall and the undercroft of the church.

The meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer.