

APPROVED

## Minutes

Zoom Vestry Meeting – June 9, 2021

Present: Lynn Garland, Susan Howland, Nancy Waugh, Eileen DeMings, Rose Reith, Josh Spooner, Robin Yates, Peg Nelson

Regrets: Fr. Richard, Lana Pieczynski, Lorraine Brumskine

Lynn opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. with prayer and Bible study: Mark 4:26-34.

### BUSINESS ITEMS

**A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the May 12, 2021, vestry meeting minutes.**

**A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the May 2021 Treasurer's report.**

#### Audit Report

Nancy reported that the audit has been completed by Steve Hasbrouck. **A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the audit report and to implement the corrections noted by Steve.** The statement of position in the annual report will now reflect the Trust Fund balance as of 9/30/20 and Quickbooks will show the 12/31/20 balance retrospectively, and the 12/31 balances are not available until late January. Unrealized losses and gains had been labeled as a liability and is now renamed as an equity account.

**A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the adjusted Parochial report with amended Trust fund figures for year end.**

#### In-person Services

It was agreed that things are going well with in-person services. Nancy suggested that we begin taking up the offertory since the plate is not passed from parishioner to parishioner. The possibility of resuming coffee hour was discussed, perhaps at first on the lawn. Fr. Richard will be consulted about this upon his return.

#### Employee Relations

Fr Richard is considering taking a sabbatical this summer. He will talk to us more about that after vacation.

Chris Bolte has resigned and would like to be done by the end of June. She is moving into the same position in her home church where she will have more hours and be closer to home. Posting the position can be done through local ads, Indeed, Monster, and with the diocese. We need Fr. Richard's input upon his return. Meanwhile, Eileen, Susan and possibly Tamsin will work on updating the job description. Currently Chris performs bookkeeping duties. These responsibilities will most likely be picked up by the Finance Committee and Treasurer.

Anne Bouvier-Monroe has a health issue, which has made her consider that it may now be time to think about retiring, probably in September. We may need to look at another model since an organist will be hard to replace. We will discuss with Fr. Richard upon his return..

In Fr. Richard's absence, there is no Rector's Report.

## **MINISTRY/COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES**

### Communication Report

Susan reported that MailChimp is now sent once or twice a month. We will probably continue with Zoom meetings. There is no Compline or hospitality hour during the week. It was agreed that we should discontinue Zoom coffee hour on Sundays. Not many are joining FaceBook Live on Sundays. The vestry agreed that an announcement about its discontinuation after July 11 should be made.

### Building Committee

Tamsin's emailed report is attached to and made a part of these minutes. **A motion was made, seconded and approved to buy two new dehumidifiers.**

### Family Worship/Faith Formation

Eileen has put out feelers to families, and there is definitely a desire to return to Family Worship, acolyting, and possibly a first communion retreat. Eileen attended a helpful webinar. From it she concluded that we need to start with doing something social and then some sort of service for kids and parents about healing from what they have experienced during Covid. Because kids can't interact in church as they were accustomed to, they do not find it joyful. Possibilities are a social opportunity in the backyard without masks, perhaps a welcome back picnic in August, or possibly camping or a concert on the common.

### Neighborhood Ministries

Rose reported that Jasmine has invited committee members to an online meeting on June 10 with the town recreation director about opportunities this summer. Rose will join the meeting and Robin hopes to be able to join. Once we learn the details, we could discuss with the diocese to see how it meets their criteria.

### Social Studies Class

Lynn reported that they are nearing the end of the White Privilege curriculum. No decision has been made about the next subject.

### Stewardship Committee

Lynn reminded us that stewardship time is coming.

Closing prayer – Prayer for the Parish

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Next Vestry Meeting July 14, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by Peg Nelson, Clerk