

St. John's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting

October 11, 2021 7:00-8:00 pm via Zoom
Minutes

1. 7:00 pm – Opening Prayer

Attendance: Fr. Adam Trambley, Missy Baron, Barb Lipinski,
Augie Santillo, Tracy Schliep, and Vicki Barletta.
Absent: Donna Billioni and Donna Stamoolis

2. 7:05 pm – Review of Minutes

Minutes for the 7-19-21 Vestry meeting were conditionally accepted on the motion of Barb, seconded by Tracy, with the correction under heading “Building Issues.” Both Tina’s and Leon’s hours are 2-5 PM Wednesday thru Friday, not daily as previously stated.

3. 7:10 pm – Financial Topics

Treasurer’s Report

In the absence of the Treasurer, Fr Adam discussed the current Treasurer’s Report. Pledge income continues to be down slightly, but revenue remains strong, and pledge envelopes continue to come in steadily. The two discrepancies have been checked and were corrected i.e. Rector and Secretary salaries and the Hike in the Water/sewer bill during August. The Treasurer’s Report was accepted unanimously on motion by Barb, with a second by Tracy.

Diocesan Audit

The Audit was accepted unanimously on a motion by Tracy, with a second by Augie. Two items were called to our attention: Two Vestry members still need to update their Safeguarding requirements, and there needs to be more regularly reporting for the Alms Fund to the Vestry and the congregation. The Alms Fund Report was included in the Treasurer’s Report this month.

Budget Process

COLA is projected to be over 5% for the coming year. We will be asking for guidance from the Finance Committee as we begin the process for the upcoming budget.

4. 7:15 pm – Building Issues

Our building projects are currently on hold pending the report from the structural engineer relating to the uneven floor areas in the sanctuary, and the options we may have for correcting the problem.

Currently, we are planning to submit a grant request to the Maszaro Charitable Fund for some rolling carts that would be useful to various organizations in the church. In the future we hope to explore the funding possibilities that would enable the installation of an awning-type structure to protect the entrance to Allen Hall.

5. 7:20 pm – Pandemic/Reopening Issues

At the present time we are anticipating that in November we may be able to bring the 10:00 am service back inside from the parking lot. This will not be advertised until we get closer to Nov. in case we need to postpone because of rising numbers of cases. The FaceBook live stream of the 10:00 service will continue even if we move inside. Facemasks will continue to be used at both services; at 10:00 we may try congregational singing while still using masks. Also in November, the Family Lunch program will again be offered inside Allen Hall, with take-out being available for those who wish. Barb moved that this plan be accepted, and Augie seconded it. Tracy is opposed to coming inside at this time, especially with congregational singing. The motion passed with one “nay” vote.

Tracy is planning to be at ECS on 10/21 with Covid Vaccination Information, and at the Family Lunch program on a future TBA Saturday.

6. 7:40 pm – Follow Up on Parish Anti-Racism Work
The suggestion was made to tailor some Prayers of the People petitions to reflect an anti-racism stance.

7. 7:41 pm – 2022 Vestry Discussion

Tracy, Barb and Donna S. will be rotating off Vestry so there will be a need to recruit some new members from the parish.

8. 7:45 pm – Rectors Report/Other

St John's has had 15 funerals/burials since mid-July, and it has been very taxing emotionally.

We need to be keeping our clergy and support people covered in prayer.

During October, November and December, Fr Adam will be helping out at Resurrection Church in Hermitage administratively and with some services. Pastor Gary Nelson, a retired Lutheran pastor, will be assisting him.

Fr Adam is planning to be in Arizona October 25-27 for a continuing ed conference.

Fr Adam's planned Sabbatical will be from April 18-July 24, 2022 including 2 weeks of General Convention. Fr John Downey, retired Cathedral Dean and now working with the diocese to provide diocesan sabbatical coverage, will be able to be with us for at least 10 of the Sundays.

9. 7:55 pm – Meeting adjourned on motion by Barb, seconded by Missy.

Next meeting will be by Zoom on Monday, 11-8-21.

Respectfully submitted,
Victoria Barletta