

St. John's Parish
Vestry Minutes
October 28, 2020

Present: Fr. Todd Young, Rector; Jane Rozes, Jose Velazquez, Lou Lamb, Sr. Warden; Ken Brown, Kim Halsey, Bob Ayres, Missy McCray, Karla Davis, Bruce Massey, Bob Speelman, Deanna Soulis, Katherine Foreman, Treasurer; Ellen Collins, Jr. Warden; Carol Cox, Brian Connelly & Rebecca Connor
Absent: Sue Wert, Deacon

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:24 PM
 - a. Pursuant to the authority MD Code Corporations & Associations Section 2-409(d), the Vestry held a telephonic meeting in which the people listed above participated.
 - b. The Sr. Warden declared a quorum present.
 - c. The Vestry members could hear all others participating in the telephonic meeting.
 - d. Each person had an opportunity to express opinions on the subjects discussed and to cast a vote on motions.
- II. A motion was made by Karla Davis to accept the minutes of the 9.24.2020 meeting as corrected.
 - a. Seconded by Carol Cox
 - b. Motion passed
- III. Reports
 - a. Treasurer—Katherine Foreman
 - i. Payroll Protection Program
 1. Application to request PPP loan to a grant is being developed by the government
 2. Will be sent to treasurer once application is developed
 - ii. Cash flow continues to be satisfactory
 - iii. Remaining portion of report under new business
 - b. Rector—Fr. Todd Young
 - i. Drive-In Eucharist
 1. To conduct a service out-of-doors would require speakers and a low ban radio frequency
 2. Equipment would cost approximately; \$1,000
 3. Equipment could be borrowed
 4. Would like to wait until warmer weather
 - ii. Diocese has authorized parish priests to make house calls
 - iii. Alcoholics Anonymous
 1. Have resumed meetings on Saturday nights in Trimble Hall
 2. Group was able to comply with parish's requirements sooner then originally thought
 - c. Senior Warden—Lou Lamb
 - i. Active Members
 1. Received inquiry about definition of an active member of the parish
 2. An active member is someone who regulars worships in church and/or contributes to the parish
 3. Homebound or parishioners in nursing home are considered separately

- 4. It was suggested that the parish remain in touch with inactive members by phone and then follow up with a letter
 - 5. Rector and parish administrator review parish roster annually
 - 6. Discretion will be used during the pandemic
 - ii. Mutual Ministry Review
 - 1. Scheduled for 12/3 at 7:00 PM via ZOOM
 - 2. It will be an opportunity to assess how the rector, vestry and parish are working together
 - 3. A survey will be sent by the Diocese to vestry & officers by e-mail
 - 4. Diocese will tabulate results and submit to vestry for the meeting
 - 5. Results will also be used for strategic planning
 - d. Junior Warden—No Report
 - e. Deacon—No Report
- IV. Old Business
 - a. A motion was made by Rebecca Connor and seconded by Karla Davis to continue to host the Spread Hope Together box.
 - i. Continues to be popular
 - ii. St. John's may contribute activities, but must be placed in 2 gallon plastic bag
 - iii. Motion passed
 - b. A motion was made by Fr. Todd Young to elect by acclamation Sherrie Burkholder and Katy Webb as delegates to Diocesan Convention for 2021 & 2022.
 - i. Seconded by Bob Ayler
 - ii. Motion passed
- V. New Business
 - a. A motion was made by Katherine Foreman and seconded by Rebecca Connor to accept the Diocesan pledge assessment of \$62,050.
 - i. Assessment is approximately \$700 less than last year's amount
 - ii. Does not include the current 10% reduction made by the Diocese
 - iii. Money used to support Diocesan programs that benefit parishes
 - iv. Assessment is determined from information provided in the parish's Parochial Report
 - v. Delaying approval until after Stewardship campaign would not change the assessment
 - vi. Motion passed
- VI. Commission Reports
 - a. St. John's Shelter
 - i. The name of the shelter has been officially changed to St. John's Family Shelter, Inc.
 - b. Welcoming
 - i. Internet Services
 - 1. Would like to upgrade service
 - 2. Upgrading internet service will permit use of more sophisticated equipment to broadcast services
 - 3. Obtaining bids
 - ii. Commission is developing a virtual church tour
 - iii. Visits to parish's Facebook page have increased 54%

- iv. QR codes to access Facebook page and electronic giving will be displayed on the church bulletin and *Soundings*
 - c. Service & Outreach
 - i. Grocery Give Away
 - 1. Distributed 5,000 lbs. of food on 10/10
 - 2. St. John's has been asked to host another grocery give away
 - ii. XMAS Shoeboxes
 - 1. List received from Bester Elementary
 - 2. Pandemic has caused changes to be made as to how the boxes are passed out, filled and returned
 - 3. Filled boxes must be returned to St. John's by 12/6
 - d. Parish Life
 - i. COVID restrictions have forced cancellation of all upcoming parish social events
 - e. Christian Formation
 - i. An outdoor All Saint's event will be held after church on Sunday
 - ii. On-line Sunday school continues
 - iii. A photo Christmas pageant will be part of the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve service
 - f. All other Commission reports submitted by title
- VII. The meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted;

Ruth Ann Ogle, Registrar