

St. John's Parish
Vestry Minutes
June 22, 2022

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Present: Fr. Todd Young, Rector, Bob Speelman, Sr. Warden, Bruce Massey, Will Godwin, Sue Ellen Spotts, Bob Ayrrer, Katherine Foreman, David Davis, Deanna Soulis, Kathy Argueso, Evvie Williams, Jose Velazquez, Deacon Sue Wert

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:00pm
 - a. Pursuant to the authority MD Code Corporations & Associations Section 2-409(d), the Vestry held a meeting in which the people listed above participated.
 - b. Sr. Warden Bob Speelman declared a quorum had been reached. The meeting was called to order.
 - 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.
 - e. Prayers were read from pages 117-126 of the BCP
 - f. Scripture passage was read by Sue Ellen Spotts from Luke chapter 18 35:42. A brief discussion of the man's faith ensued. Fr. Todd referred to this past Wednesday's word with the parallel that people do not always see the person on the inside.
 - g. A motion was made by Deanna Soulis and seconded by Evvie Williams to approve the minutes of May 25.
- II. Reports
 - a. Treasurer – Katherine Foreman – report submitted as printed and archived
 - i. Katherine added that the cash flow is running short. She had to pull \$4,500.00 to meet cash requirements. The expenses are higher than the cash flow. Fr. Todd asked what utility expenses are higher. Katherine responded expenses are going up because of extra fuel charges. An additional \$30,000.00 from the Maletzky estate will be placed in the Maletzky fund.
 - b. Rector – Fr. Todd Young – report submitted as printed and archived
 - i. The best day for St. John's Day to be held is September 18, the third Sunday in September.
 - ii. Fr. Todd was sad to report that he had to give a No Trespass letter to an "overnight guest" who camps out behind the sign on the premises. Cindy Messersmith told Fr. Todd of a service *Greenline Security* that provides security for this type of problem. Fr. Todd asked for a show of hands from the Vestry if they would like to pursue information for this type of security. After receiving a "Yes" vote the intent to pursue additional information is sent on to Fabric and Grounds.
 - c. Sr. Warden – Bob Speelman – report submitted as printed and archived
 - i. Sr. Warden Bob Speelman received a letter from Bill Soulis about the St. John's Shelter. The letter thanked Bruce and his partners for funds donated to them from their cheesecake sale.
 - d. Jr. Warden – report submitted as printed and archived.
 - i. Jr. Warden Deanna Soulis tells the Vestry they are in the final stages of planning for Pride Day. It will be held from noon to 5 p.m. They have 3 different decals of stickers. On the back of the stickers are times of our services and the address of our website.
 - ii. The Vestry picnic will be held July 23 at the home of Bill and Deanna Soulis. The picnic will be held rain or shine. Deanna asks everyone to sign up by July 8 to let her know what they will bring. Entre' for the picnic is marinated BBQ chicken. Iced tea, lemonade, water, red and white wine will also be served.
 - e. Deacon Sue Wert - Report submitted as printed and archived.
 - i. Deacon Sue says there are boxes in the parish hall that appear to be clothing. She asks the Vestry if anyone knows what they are. Fr. Todd said he will place this request in E-Tidings.
 - f. St. John's Shelter – Report submitted as printed and archived.
 - g. Strategic planning – Bruce Massey – report submitted as printed and archived.

i. Bruce Massey told the Vestry there will be an interim report from strategic planning to Fr. Todd by July 7. Also, there is to be an interim meeting of the Vestry regarding strategic planning on July 10. Bruce asks to be e-mailed to inform him of attendance to this meeting ASAP.

III. Old Business

a. Awaiting further review

i. Communication Covenant: David McKinley

1. Nothing to add.

ii. Vestry Goals: Goal development deferred until Strategic Planning committee submits report

1. Deferred until July 10.

b. Tabled motion - Motion for Vestry to recommend Kelly Gearheart for advancement to the next level in her discernment process.

i. Fr. Todd opened the discussion that was tabled from last month. He informed the Vestry they are not advocating for Kelly to be ordained. They are allowing her into discernment with the Diocesan Committee on Ministry to explore her call to ministry. The Vestry is to encourage Kelly with prayer and get to know her. St. John's can contribute funds to this process if they like. Fr. Todd adds that since this is a 2-year process he hopes Kelly will become more visible to the parish with home visits, taking communion to shut-ins, etc.

ii. Vestry member Evvie Williams expressed her favor of supporting "opening the door" for Kelly.

iii. A motion and a second were made to recommend Kelly.

iv. Motion passed

IV. New Business

a. Commissions

b. Approval to renew Deacon Sue's contract and make \$1,000 payment to Deacon Program. Deacon Sue's contract is written and archived.

i. Deanna Soulis made a motion to renew Deacon Sue's contract. Evvie Williams seconded the motion.

ii. The motion passed.

c. Appointment and approval of Anne Morin as Registrar

i. Sr. Warden Bob Speelman informs the Vestry of the resignation of Ruth Ann Ogle as Registrar.

ii. Deanna Soulis volunteers to send Ruth Ann a note thanking her for her years of service.

iii. A motion was made by Bob Spellman to approve Anne Morin as Registrar and seconded by Will Godwin.

iv. The motion passed.

V. Commission Reports

a. Welcoming: Written report submitted as printed and archived

David McKinley: Verbal report

i. A discussion was held about websites and ways to connect to the St. John's website from various places on the web. A comment was made that Susan Rauth is doing an exceptional job on Facebook. Susan asks that people help her out by sharing about the St. John's page on Facebook.

b. Christian Stewardship: Written report submitted as printed and archive

c. Service and Outreach: Written report submitted as printed and archived

d. Parish Life: No written report

Verbal report

i. Fr. Todd reports the new chairperson of the Parish Life Committee is Carol Bachtell.

e. Fabric and Grounds: No report

f. Christian Formation: Written report submitted as printed and archived

Verbal Report

i. Liaison Sue Ellen Spotts reports that since there are a dwindling number of children at services we are suspending the Children's Moment. In its place we will have a St. John's Moment that is directed to everyone. A "Sunday Fun day" will be held July 24 and Aug 14 after the 10:15am service. Lunch will be provided. Sue Ellen asks everyone to participate in a survey that looks at what our needs are at all age levels.

g. Spiritual Life Ministry:

Verbal report

- i. Liaison Evvie Williams met with Fr. Todd to discuss the reintroducing of the common cup July 3 at the 8:00a.m. service.

VI. Topics the Rector, Sr. Warden, and Jr. Warden need to be aware of.

- I. None

VII. Topics to be promptly communicated to the Parish.

- I. None

VIII. Compline

- i. There is a change in procedure with compline at the end of the meeting. One person will serve as leader. Those watching from on-line are to be set to mute.
- ii. Evvie Williams served as this evening's leader reading from the BCP page 127.

IX. Adjournment

- i. Sr. Warden Bob Speelman adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

X. Good of the Order

- i. Fr. Todd expressed a "thank you" to Ruth Ann Ogle for her years of service as the Parish Registrar

Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Morin, Registrar