

St. John's Parish
Vestry Minutes
Wednesday, November 16, 2022 7:00 p.m.
Meeting conducted in Trimble Hall and via Zoom on the Internet

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Present: Fr. Todd Young, Rector; Deanna Soulis, Jr. Warden; Will Godwin; Betty Markle; David Davis; Bob Speelman, Sr. Warden; Sue Ellen Spotts; Evvie Williams; Katherine Foreman; Bruce Massey; Jose Velazquez.

Absent: Frances George; Bob Ayler; Deacon Sue Wert; David McKinley; Kathy Argueso.

I. Meeting called to order 7:00p.m.

- 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 had an opportunity to express opinions on the subjects discussed and to cast a vote on motions.
- e. Opening Prayer led by Fr. Todd
 - i. A reading by Betty Markle from Colossians 3: 12-15
 - ii. A brief discussion led by Fr. Todd asking Vestry members what they heard in this passage. This passage was chosen because it is a good time of year to give thanksgiving. We are to give thanks to God in all things. * (Various Vestry members alerted Fr. Todd that there was a connectivity problem. Those attending via zoom could not hear at times).

II. Approval of October 26, 2022 Minutes

- a. A motion was made by Deanna Soulis and seconded by Betty Markle to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2022 meeting. The motion carries.

III. Reports

- a. Treasurer Katherine Foreman written report submitted and archived.
 - i. Verbal report Katherine Foreman no additional funds have been removed from the unrestricted fund.
 - ii. A motion was made by David Davis and seconded by Evvie Williams to authorize Katherine Foreman to withdraw \$20,000 at her discretion by the end of the year. The motion carries.
 - iii. Betty Markle asks what the deficit is expected to be. Katherine could not provide that at this time as she is still receiving bills. Katherine says however that there will be an overall deficit.
- b. Rector Rev. Todd Young written report submitted and archived.
 - i. Verbal report Fr. Todd requests the Safe Church Program be completed at your earliest convenience
- c. Deacon Sue written report as submitted and archived
 - i. Fr. Todd reports that Deacon Sue has a new job at Homewood Suites.
- d. Sr. Warden Bob Speelman written report submitted and archived.
 - i. Verbal report Bob Speelman asked the Vestry to go over the report he sent out from the meeting with Canon Sularude. He also reported that progress was made from that meeting.
 - ii. Bob Speelman has contacted our "St. Nicholas" from last year. He will again be here on Dec 4.
- e. Jr. Warden Deanna Soulis written report submitted and archived.
 - i. Verbal report Jr. Warden Deanna Soulis provided some important dates for the month of December. Specifically, the next Vestry meeting is December 28, caroling will occur December 17 and the church will host an open house on December 27. One additional detail is that caroling sessions will be 45 minutes in length.
- f. St. John's Shelter written report submitted and archived.

IV. Old Business

- a. Communications Covenant
 - i. Nothing to add
- b. Regular
 - i. Communications Tech Position
 1. Evvie Williams reports having submitted the Tech Position notice to the Hagerstown Community College job placement service. The application was also submitted to be part of Dave Alshire's apprentice program

where we may get reimbursement through the Western Maryland Consortium.

ii. Vestry Nominating Committee

1. The Vestry Nominating Committee has talked with 8 people. There have been 3 “No” and 5 “Yes” agreeing to run for Vestry. The 5 are, Peg Brown, Mark Halsey, Jenn Sealing, Chris Tischer, Bob (?).

iii. MMR update from September 11th meeting David Davis

1. David Davis provided an MMR update from the September 11th meeting. David reports he is working with Sandy. They are sending a personality survey that Sandy does and he asks that the survey be completed and returned.

V. New Business

VI. Commissions

VII. Regular

VIII. Commission Reports

a. Christian Stewardship

- i. The budget will be submitted at the next meeting. David Davis and Sue Ellen Spotts ask for the budget to be looked at before being asked to vote on it. A discussion ensued about when to have copies of the budget prior to voting.

b. Service and Outreach

- i. Bruce Massey reported on various SOC activities. Potomac Towers residents were provided lunch November 29th. Frank and Cathy Bushey led this event. Kim Halsey provided to SOC they are looking for a Youth Outreach Coordinator to help as a liaison with the Bester community. There are 7 new volunteers signed up for SOC activities. Lou Lamb reports to SOC things are going well with Bester shoe boxes. There have been 30 shoe boxes picked up so far.

c. Parish Life written report submitted and archived

- i. Verbal report Betty Markle says the DOK will take care of the St. Nicholas Day activities. Parish Life will serve lunch on that day. A big thank you to Fabric and Grounds and Dr. Chaney who tackled some of the heavy kitchen clean up.

d. Fabric and Grounds

- i. Nothing to add

e. Christian Formation

- i. Verbal report Sue Ellen Spotts tells the Vestry that the Nursery is getting ready to open. Various items are needed including toys.

f. Spiritual Life Ministry

- i. Verbal report Evvie Williams informs the Vestry that the altar guild will be “spiffing up” the church. There are 5 new people to serve on altar guild. Taize services continue once a month, Sundays at 6:00p.m. The HARC Thanksgiving service will be held November 20, at St. Ann Church.

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

- i. Betty Markle asks if something special should be done for Mark King in honor of his many years of service. Fr. Todd says that Robin Spickler is in charge of his January 29, last day.

X. Compline Officiant David Davis People Vestry members

XI. Adjournment

- i. Meeting adjourned by Bob Speelman at approximately 8:00p.m.

XII. Good of the Order

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Morin Registrar