

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 26, 2020

Approved April 16, 2020

This Vestry meeting was held online through ZOOM. This is the first time in the history of St. Peter's that the Vestry meeting was held in this manner.

Those present were: John Vain, John Boies, Varsie Geisler, Phil Montgomery, Lynne Roberts, Anita Biletzky, Liane O'Keefe, Fr. Georges Jallouf, Fr. Mark Geisler, and Judy LaPorta, vestry clerk.

Guest: Jack Frost

Absent were: Henry Burgweger and Donna Hill

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Fr. Georges who then gave an opening prayer.

Treasurer's report: John Vain informed the vestry that money had been transferred from the prepaid pledge account to the operating account. A large number of parishioners typically pay their pledge early. We are now at 40% of our pledge income. We currently have little income, due to the fact that no services are being held, but our expenses remain. It may be necessary to transfer money from the carryover account for operating expenses.

A discussion was held regarding sending a letter to parishioners reminding them that they can mail or drop off their pledge payments in the church mailbox at this time. It was proposed by Anita Biletzky that the letter not be sent immediately to give people some time to adjust to what is going on in the world. It was also brought up that some parishioners may not be able to pay at this time due to the fact that they are not able to work and our letter should reflect that we understand that. All members present (Phil Montgomery, Anita Biletzky, John Vain, John Boies, Varsie Geisler, Lynne Roberts, and Liane O'Keefe) agreed verbally that the letter would not be sent until April 1st. The wardens will send the proposed letter to the vestry.

It was also recommended by the vestry that Fr. Georges communicate at least weekly to the congregation through e-mail messages. These messages will be mailed to those with no e-mail addresses.

Junior Warden Report: Larry Dirst has repaired the door to the music room, which is very much appreciated. Anita reported that she has checked in with both tenants and everything is good with them.

Rector Report: Fr. Georges reported that Bishop Lee has instructed the clergy that they should not celebrate the Holy Eucharist at this time to share online. Fr. Georges will live stream at 10:30 on Sundays Adoration and Meditation, which is allowed. Weekly readings and comment will be e-mailed and mailed to all parishioners. There will be no Holy Week celebrations. The Bishop told clergy not to worry about weekly attendance numbers due to the corona virus. Because palms had been ordered and

received, the altar guild will decorate our doors with the palms. Anita Biletzky has ordered a sign to let people know that although our doors are closed, our church is still here.

Fr. Georges also reported that the Bishop has pushed back his retirement. He will check with the diocese to see if it is possible for him to come to St. Peter's for confirmations and to receive new members.

Because it had not been previously approved, John Boies moved to approve the Treasurer's report, Anita Biletzky seconded and the motion carried.

Jack Frost reported that he and Anita Biletzky are working on letters to the congregation that will be sent weekly. The letter will encourage parishioners to share their personal stories in order for us all to remain in touch, and encourage each other during this difficult time. It was also recommended that Fr. Georges record a video to the congregation.

After a prayer by Jack Frost, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy LaPorta
Vestry clerk