

MINUTES OF ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH VESTRY MEETING

JULY 16, 2020 – Approved August 20, 2020

The Vestry meeting was held on ZOOM and was called to order at 7:00 pm by Fr. Georges Jallouf. Those present were: Anita Biletzky, Varsie Geisler, Liane O'Keefe, Donna Hill, Henry Burgweger, John Boies, Lynne Roberts, John Vain, Fr. Mark Geisler.

Phil Montgomery and Desiree Goodale arrived during the Treasurer's report. (Phil had been called for work and Desiree had problems signing on.)

An opening prayer was given by Fr. Georges.

Varsie Geisler asked to add two items to the agenda that she had received from Sarah Mendenhall.

Under new business, a soloist for services and outside coffee hour after 5:30 service were added.

A motion by Anita Biletzky to approve the agenda as amended was seconded by Donna Hill, and the motion carried.

A typo on the Minutes of the June meeting was brought up by Varsie Geisler. John Boies moved that the minutes be approved with correction, Varsie Geisler seconded, and the motion carried.

Junior Warden report: Anita Biletzky reported that Larry Dirst and John Vain had been working on a project to change the lighting in the church and hall from fluorescent to LED. This would offer a great savings and the new lights would last from 5-10 years. Anita expressed her appreciation to both John and Larry for their work on this project. Anita also thanked Judy LaPorta for her work preparing signs and instructions during the reopening of the church.

John Boies thanked and commended Anita and the B&G committee for their ongoing work.

Treasurer's report: John Vain reported that due to the pandemic and employment situation, and the age of our congregation, we could see a drop in income next year, and increased costs. John Boies thanked John Vain for his work as Treasurer. John Boies brought up the fact that testamentary gifts would be a good way for us to have ongoing income. John Boies moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Varsie Geisler seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Caregivers: Lynne Roberts reported that their list continues to grow and the committee is busy keeping in touch with our shut ins.

Outreach: Lynne Roberts reported that St. Peter's is now providing the Hope Haven dinners again. Inboden's had been providing them for the last few months. August is St. Peter's month for Meals on Wheels and there are many open spots.

Growth: John Vain reported that the committee is now meeting every 2 weeks and has come up with a lot of good ideas. Stefanie Hill had spoken with former families of the church and they left due to the repetition and sameness of the service. Young people have been invited to join the committee; however, they don't attend the meetings. It was brought up that our Facebook page and website are not user friendly.

John Vain reported that the number of candidates for the Bishop search has been reduced and finalists determined in September.

New Business:

Sarah Mendenhall had asked if we could have a soloist at our services, who could possibly sing from the choir room with a microphone or behind a plastic sheet. Fr. Georges replied that the Bishop had made it clear that he did not want any singing in church.

Sarah had also asked if an outside coffee hour could be on the porch of Waterman hall after the 5:30 service on Saturday nights. Fr. Georges reported that as of August 1 we would be discontinuing the 5:30 service, and coffee hour is still not allowed.

Senior Warden report: Phil Montgomery reported that he, Anita Biletzky, and Larry Dirst had been meeting to determine how to present the Ministry review. A special vestry meeting could be called, or it could be presented during our monthly meeting. It is preferred that the review be done in person. Once the review has been presented, the vestry will need to decide how they will address any changes needed. It was brought up that it would be helpful if the review was given to the vestry before the meeting, so they would have time to review in advance.

Rector Report: Fr. Georges reported that he would be taking 10 days of vacation from August 17-29.

Fr. Georges has spoken with members of the Worship committee, and beginning August 1st, we will have only two services, on Sunday at 9:00 am and 10:00 am. The 5:30 service on Saturday evening will be discontinued due to the small number of attendees.

Fr. Georges announced that on Sept. 13th, he and Maha, Fr. Mark and Varsie, and Deacon Dee and Larry would host a cook out after the 11:00 Zoom service. They would serve hot dogs and hamburgers, and it will be open to anyone.

Fr. Mark is now able to do pastoral care and thoughts.

The diocese convention will be on November 21st from 9:00-3:00. Voting will be done electronically and registration must be completed by 9/30.

At the recent Deanery meeting Fr. Georges said several of the priests said their churches were still not open. St. Peter's was well ahead of other churches who are now just starting to do their deep cleaning, etc. Out of 8 churches, only one was open. All other priests are still working from home.

Fr. Georges recently made pastoral visits to Pat Knudsen and Jan FltzHenry. The DeKalb County nursing home is now allowing visitors, so he will try to see Bud Gregory.

John Boies moved to adjourn, Liane O'Keefe seconded, and the motion carried.

After a closing prayer by Fr. Mark Geisler, the meeting adjourned at 8:17pm

Respectfully submitted,

Judy LaPorta

Vestry Clerk