

**MINUTES OF ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH VESTRY
MEETING DECEMBER 17, 2020
APPROVED JANUARY 21, 2021**

The Zoom vestry meeting was called to order at 7:02 by Phil Montgomery. Those present were: Liane O'Keefe, John Boies, John Vain, Lynne Roberts, Henry Burgweger, Phil Montgomery Varsie Geisler, Anita Biletzky, Fr. Georges, Fr. Mark Geiser, and Judy LaPorta, vestry clerk. Deacon Dee joined the meeting at 7:48.

Absent: Donna Hill

After an opening prayer, Varsie Geisler moved to accept the Agenda, seconded by Phil Montgomery. The motion carried.

John Vain asked for an addition to the minutes of the November meeting, stating he did not supply the number for church members and Varsie Geisler noted that the C in covid should be capitalized. Phil Montgomery moved to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Varsie Geisler, and the motion carried.

Rector report: Fr. Georges had previously sent an e-mail to the vestry regarding our annual meeting. After a meeting with the Bishop and the Chancellor, he was told that because our bylaws state that our meeting must be held in person, we cannot have a Zoom meeting and must reschedule our meeting. Because Covid is a unique situation, we are able to extend our meeting for up to 6 months. Varsie Geisler moved to postpone the annual meeting until such time that we can meet in person and Anita Biletzky seconded the motion. John Boies asked that we add that expired terms for vestry members, John Boies, Donna Hill, and Phil Montgomery be extended until the annual meeting. Also, because our budget cannot be presented to the congregation, once the budget is approved by the vestry, it will be sent to the congregation. The motion was revised by Varsie Geisler to include extending expiring terms and sending the budget to the congregation. It was seconded by Anita Biletzky, and the motion carried.

Senior Warden report: Phil Montgomery asked that we acknowledge that Fr. Georges and Fr. Mark have both had deaths in their family during the past month. Fr. Georges lost his brother Adnan, and Fr. Mark lost his dad, John Geisler. The vestry extends sympathy and prayer to them both. Phil Montgomery shared that he and John Vain had discussed that when the church does reopen fully, we should have a “grand reopening”.

Junior Warden: Anita Biletzky submitted a written report, and reported that the furnace had been replaced in the Wetzel house and all is well with the rental properties. The sensor on the light outside the kitchen is not working and she will contact an electrician.

Treasurer’s report: John Vain reported that he anticipates we will meet our numbers for 2021 and the budget will be fully funded. With the rise in the stock market, our trust income has increased. Pledges have been coming in and the fact that some are larger than last year is very encouraging. An additional \$10,000.00 was received from a parishioner, to be added to the November 2020 pledges, which could result in carryover for 2020. Phil Montgomery moved to approve the treasurer’s report, John Boies seconded, and the motion carried.

Caregivers & Outreach: Lynne Roberts reported that four end of year donations would be given to The Northern Illinois Food Bank, Meals on Wheels, the Sycamore Food Pantry, and Elder Care. Donations have been received for the Sycamore Food Pantry and they will receive an additional check.

Caregivers: Lynne Roberts reported that they are keeping in contact with our shut-ins and encouraged vestry members to call, send cards, or stop by with treats during the Christmas season, as many of them live alone.

Fr. Georges advised the vestry that he would be on vacation from December 26-January 9th. Fr. Mark and Deacon Dee will lead our Zoom worship on December 27th and January 3rd.

Judy LaPorta reported that St. Peter’s is now listed on DeKalb County Online.

New Business:

Lynne Roberts noted that every Christmas we receive donation from parishioners and asked where that money would be going this year. Setting the money aside and using for a charitable cause in 2021 was decided.

Phil Montgomery moved that the meeting be adjourned, John Boies seconded and after a closing prayer by Fr. Mark, the meeting adjourned at 8:01.

Respectfully submitted

Judy LaPorta
Vestry clerk