

**MINUTES OF ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH VESTRY
MEETING JANUARY 21, 2021 Approved 2/19/21**

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

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

Varsie Geisler moved to approve the minutes from the 12/17/20 meeting, John Vain seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Senior Warden report: Phil Montgomery reported that he, Anita Biletzky, John Vain and Fr. Georges had spent a great deal of time on the budget for 2021 and that we should be happy with our numbers.

Junior Warden – Anita Biletzky reported that everything in all of our buildings was good. She has hired a contractor to plow and shovel whenever we have 2" or more. The ice and snow has been taken care of. The light outside the kitchen door will need an electrician and she will call to have it taken care of.

Treasurer report: John Vain reported that we have hit our pledge amount for 2021. He also noted that although we were not able to attend the church in person, our members continued to send their pledges in through 2020. We are thankful for the dedication of our members. Our end of year numbers are quite favorable and we will have a carryover. John was asked what we will do with the money we now have in carryover, as it is a large sum. John informed the vestry that we have some big ticket items coming up: It was found when inspecting the roof of Waterman and the roof of the church that there was a lack of ventilation; particulate found on the pews and the floor of the church could be insulation and must be tested for asbestos; the church needs tuck pointing and limestone is falling off the church. Our heating system for the church may need to be replaced with a

cost of approximately \$45,000.00. DeKalb Mechanical will reassess the system and it will be reviewed by the vestry for discussion.

John Boies moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Anita Biletzky seconded, and the motion carried.

2021 Budget – John Vain reported that our pledge income was up this year from last year. We have 8 pledging units from last year that did not pledge this year. Our trust funds are doing well. Operating costs – Music – music number is for the whole year, although we have begun 2021 with no music. John explained the increases in some budgeted items.

Phil Montgomery moved to approve the 2021 budget, John Boies seconded and the motion carried.

Committee reports: Lynne Roberts reported that she is having a difficult time filling the needs for the Hope Haven dinners. Lynne also reported that there are some members of the church and community who may need to get a Covid 19 test, but can't afford it. She was considering using Outreach money to pay for the testing. A discussion regarding tests and how to qualify ensued. Varsie Geisler offered to check with people in public health and work with Lynne on this.

Fr. Georges reported that in addition to having 9:00 in person services for the next 4 weeks, he will continue having the 10:00 Zoom service for those who cannot attend in person. Fr. Georges will once again have Ashes to Go on Ash Wednesday in front of the church. There will be a 9:00 am in person service and a 7:00 pm in person service as well.

New Business: Parochial report - Father Georges reported that he and John Vain had reviewed the church register in order to move those who had not attended church at least twice a year for the past two years and who have not contributed during that time to "inactive" status.

Because of the lateness of the hour, (and the fact that she hadn't had dinner yet) Anita Biletzky requested that we table the discussion on this until the next meeting. We have until the end of March to submit the Parochial report. Father Georges agreed to send the list of those being removed from "active" status to the Vestry.

Phil Montgomery commended John Vain for all his work on the budget for 2021.

Varsie Geisler moved that the meeting be adjourned, John Vain seconded, and the motion carried. After a prayer by Fr. Mark, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm

Respectfully submitted

Judy LaPorta
Vestry clerk