

St. Margaret's Episcopal Church

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting

August 10, 2020

Present: Fr. Tommy Dillon, Senior Warden – Julie Parrish, Junior Warden – Ronny Daley, Secretary – Diane Bondioli, Treasurer -- Jack Warner, Tammy Gremillion, Molly Blackwell, Jennifer Ocken, Traci Precht.

Absent: Mark Liggett.

Meeting convened at 6:31 pm.

- I. Opening devotion led by Fr. Tommy Dillon.
- II. Check-in: Discussion of how God has touched our lives in the past month.
- III. Approval of July 2020 Vestry Minutes. Motion to approve minutes by Molly Blackwell, seconded by Traci Precht. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Senior Warden Report.
  1. Thankful for being able to be back in the sanctuary and being able to have Eucharist.
  2. Report on visit to the Episcopal Church of the Nativity in Rosedale, Louisiana, where Fr. Tommy is officiating at Saturday evening service.
- V. Junior Warden Report.
  1. KidCam is over with great success. The carpets were steam-cleaned in the Sunday School Room, small Meeting Room and one nursery room at KidCam's expense. A donation was received to also clean the other nursery room.
  2. Paul Allman replaced the A/C thermostat by the office.
  3. The light switch in the T-2 building was becoming a fire hazard and was replaced by the Junior Warden.
  4. Future projects: wood doors to the church need professional sanding, re-staining and varnishing this fall. The sanctuary ceiling has several areas needing re-taping and painting. Because of the height of the ceiling, a professional is needed.
- VI. Treasurer's Report (see report for details)
  1. Balance Sheet of July 31, 2020.
    - a. Cash in banks: \$145,602.67
    - b. Other current assets: \$1390.33
    - c. Fixed assets net of depreciation: \$671,429.98
    - d. Current liabilities: \$3,112.94
    - e. Long term liabilities: \$225,055.36
    - f. Restricted Funds: \$95,165.94
  2. Profit and Loss for July 31, 2020 and Year to Date

- a. Revenue of \$22,490.48
  - b. Pastoral Expenses of \$7,014.35
  - c. Personnel Expenses of \$2,645.76
  - d. Administrative Expenses of \$5,478.69
  - e. Program Expenses of \$120.28
  - f. General Expenses of \$3,110.13
  - g. Month ended with a Net Surplus of \$4,121.27 against a Budgeted Deficit of \$5,286.77; Year to date Actual Income of \$26,725.00 against a Budgeted YTD Deficit of \$6,542.00.
3. Treasurer notes St. Margaret's is doing a good job controlling expenses at a challenging time.

VII. Rector Report:

- 1. Ross Young ordered streaming equipment; may arrive this week.
- 2. Bishop's visitation – no special meeting with vestry.
- 3. Program by Merrill Whatley on membership vision.
- 4. Ongoing Wednesday healing service and class, Friday night compline, offerings on website.
- 5. Molly Blackwell and Rachel Young organized a Saturday gathering for young families under COVID-19 guidelines.
- 6. Meeting with Molly Blackwell, Dorothy Leblanc and Jack Warner regarding children's ministry.
- 7. Interfaith Federation Breakfast will be held virtually, with various congregations, including St. Margaret's, contributing music.
- 8. Beginning September 1, St. Margaret's will begin a new season – "Creation Season."
- 9. Fr. Tommy is using Zoom for pastoral care.
- 10. With the Bishop's blessing, Fr. Tommy is serving as celebrant at the Episcopal Church of the Nativity in Rosedale on Saturday evenings. The parish averages 14-17 members per service.
- 11. The church building was built in 1859 and is on the National Historic Register, with a beautiful campus.
- 12. We will be looking at ways to partner with the Church of the Nativity congregation on parish retreats and special events.
- 13. The local Deanery is looking at ways for the member congregations to obtain services and equipment at lower cost through working together.

VIII. Old Business:

- 1. Update by Jack Warner on Payroll Protection Plan – bank is still not accepting loan forgiveness documents; but we are not dependent on the PPP forgiveness; funds continue to be held in a restricted fund.

2. Hiring of a New Parish Administrator remains problematic. Fr. Tommy's policy is to not hire a member of the congregation as Parish Administrator. Plan to post ad on "Nextdoor" website.
3. Monica Lewis of Ministry Architects will meet via Zoom with various parish groupings to discuss aspirations for a program for children, youth, and their families. Goal is to involve all members of the congregation in these discussions.
4. Fall Stewardship Campaign faces challenges – the pandemic requires new approaches to fundraising, including possibly having the Follies online. Fr. Tommy and Jack Warner will prepare a stewardship letter to go out to all members of the congregation.

IX. New Business:

1. A new Human Resources Committee will be established. Julie Parrish and Traci Precht will serve on this Committee.
2. Income from Here Today Gone Tomorrow continues to be less than the previous year. Julie Parrish and Ronny Daley, as Wardens, will meet with Here Today Gone Tomorrow staff to get a better picture of situation.
3. Report on the Meditation Garden by Molly Blackwell. Looking at possibility that cast iron pipes in Garden might be sold to provide additional funds.
4. Prayer Warriors group has been established to offer prayers for needs of congregation members.

X. Closing prayer by Fr. Tommy, followed by adjournment at 8:09 p.m.