

St. Margaret's Episcopal Church

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting

July 13, 2020

Present: Fr. Tommy Dillon, Senior Warden – Julie Parrish, Junior Warden – Ronny Daley, Secretary – Diane Bondioli, Treasurer -- Jack Warner, Tammy Gremillion, Mark Liggett. Also present: Molly Blackwell.

Absent: Jennifer Ocken, Traci Precht.

Meeting convened at 6:30 pm.

- I. Opening devotion led by Fr. Tommy Dillon.
- II. Check-in: Discussion of what are we are grateful for in recent weeks.
- III. Nomination of Molly Blackwell to fill vestry position created by Fay Barnett's resignation. Motion to approve nomination by Ronny Daley, seconded by Julie Parrish. Motion passed unanimously with in absentia votes by Jennifer Ocken and Traci Precht.
- IV. Approval of June 2020 Vestry Minutes. Motion to approve minutes by Jack Warner, seconded by Tammy Gremillion. Motion passed unanimously.
- V. Senior Warden Report. Thanks to the reopening team for work to create an environment in which members feel safe.
- VI. Junior Warden Report.
 1. Lighting improvements. Ballasts have been replaced and are hard-wired with LED lights. Donation received for half the cost for LED lights in kitchen.
 2. Kid Cam is up and running. Kid Cam staff is showing experience in providing safe environment for children.
 3. Ronny Daley and Bill Bethea are checking building safety before services.
 4. Corroded flag pole cable to be replaced.
- VII. Treasurer's Report (see report for details)
 1. Balance Sheet of June 30, 2020.
 - a. Cash in banks: \$156,480.35
 - b. Other current assets: \$200.00
 - c. Fixed assets net of depreciation: \$671,429.98
 - d. Current liabilities: \$5,428.87
 - e. Long term liabilities: \$226,712.06
 - f. Restricted Funds: \$104,061.25
 2. Profit and Loss for June 30, 2020 and Year to Date
 - a. Revenue of \$23,466.06
 - b. Pastoral Expenses of \$8,686.55
 - c. Personnel Expenses of \$2,665.50

- d. Administrative Expenses of \$9,445.46
- e. Program Expenses of \$750.00
- f. General Expenses of \$3,146.88
- g. Month ended with a Net Deficit of \$1,228.33 against a Budgeted Surplus of \$1,034.76; Year to date Actual Income of \$16,044.67 against a Budgeted YTD Deficit of \$1,255.26

VIII. Rector Report:

- 1. Thanks to Ross Young for help with on-line Sunday service.
- 2. Moving forward with collaboration between primarily black/primarily white congregations to increase understanding. St. Margaret's has been paired with the Bridge Church, a non-denominational congregation. A meeting will be held on June 14 to discuss logistics.
- 3. Bishop Thompson's annual visit is scheduled for August 16; uncertain at this time if confirmation will be possible.
- 4. The Baton Rouge Deanery will meet at the Solomon Center on July 16.

IX. Old Business:

- 1. Update by Jack Warner on Payroll Protection Plan – rules on repayment continue to fluctuate; bank is not yet accepting loan forgiveness documents; however, we are not dependent on the PPP forgiveness; funds continue to be held in a restricted fund.
- 2. Parish Administrator search unsuccessful to date. Lofton Staffing reports that few people are looking for part time positions; discussion of impact of effect of additional Federal unemployment compensation which is scheduled to expire at the end of July. Possibility of posting ad on on-line neighborhood websites.

X. New Business:

- 1. Ministry Architects Zoom meeting to create coherent programs for youth and young families was very successful; deliverables are still the same, but in light of current situation, the time period will change from 18 to 22 months; between August 16 and 18, various parish groups will speak with Monica Lewis of Ministry Architects including vestry members, and members with particular interests in various age groups (babies and small children, older children and teenagers).
- 2. Move to use Dorothy LeBlanc's talents as a music teacher for the children.
- 3. Desire to provide safe programs on a monthly basis for young families.

4. Fr. Tommy, Julie Parrish, Molly Blackwell, and Charlie Vaughn participated in the TryTank Crowd Sourcing Experiment to assess “The Why of St. Margaret’s.” The statement developed is “We exist to honor people’s stories so that we can all share our authentic selves journeying as transformed people of God.”
 5. Stewardship update – still to be determined if the 2019 approach will be implemented in 2020. Coronavirus and social distancing have impeded Stewardship Committee planning. The Follies, a major parish fundraiser, may be on-line in 2020.
 6. Kid Cam and Montessori updates.
 - a. Montessori has installed a \$2,000.00 wash station; St. Margaret’s contributed \$250 to the project.
 - b. Kid Cam is doing good job; will possibly extend program to add August 3-5. Possibility of opening in fall, if needed.
 7. Here Today Gone Tomorrow update – HTGT is back in operation; James continues to do excellent job with the boxes, an additional day has been added to his work schedule.
 8. Update by Jack Warner on progress in transitioning accounting systems to the cloud – still in progress. Employees can now access payroll information on line.
- XI. Motion for adjournment by Ronnie Daley; seconded by Jack Warner. Motion passed unanimously.
- XII. Closing prayer by Fr. Tommy, followed by adjournment at 7:30 p.m.