

St. James Anglican Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2020

ZOOM MEETING

Vestry Members Present via Zoom: Rev. Brian Schulz, Rector, David Chapman, Senior Warden, Bob Kirkland, Jr. Warden, Margie Armstrong, Clerk, Wayland Augur, Jim Dale, Don Flick, Marcia Kear, Karen Lorenz, and Marta McLaughlin.

Vestry Members Absent: None

Others present: Terri Boykin, Member of the Finance Committee, Jeremy Davis congregant.

I. Opening Prayer was given by Dave Chapman.

Devotion – Bob Kirkland “Do not be afraid.” “Fear not.”

4 passages were read. Luke 1:28-33, Luke 1:5-15, Daniel 10:7-12, and Matthew 28:1010. We discussed how people deal with fear.

Prayers for St. James – Thank you for your faithfulness to us.

Members of congregation who are fearful in their circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic. Be with those who are isolated and are fearing the outcomes of the virus. Be with them and comfort them. Give us discernment for each of us and may your hand be upon us. Bless this time with us tonight.

II. Approval of Vestry Minutes 07/09/20

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Jim Dale and seconded by Wayland Augur. Motion carried.

III. Finance Committee Report

- a. Dave Chapman gave an overview of the finances from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

Summary of Finances from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

	Month End 6/30/20	June 2020 Budget	Variance	Year to date	Year to date Budget	Variance
Income	\$44,863	\$55,000	(\$10,137)	\$726,370	\$660,000	\$66,370
Expenses	\$60,281	\$55,000	(\$5,281)	\$676,233	\$660,000	(\$16,233)
Over/(Under)	(\$15,418)		(\$15,418)	\$50,137		\$50,137

a. Comments on Income and Expenses for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

The church's income budget was \$55,000 per month. For 5 months out of the 2019-2020 fiscal year, our income was over \$55,000. For 7 months, our income was under \$55,000. Our average income was \$60,531 per month.

Expenses were budgeted at \$55,000 per month. For 6 months the expenses were over \$55,000 and for 6 months the expenses were under \$55,000. Overages for the 2019-2020 fiscal year were due mainly to new staff hires.

Motion to accept the 2019-2020 financials as presented was made by Jim Dale, and Wayland Augur seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IV. Small Group Development

- a.** Pastor Brian is meeting with small group leaders once a month.
- b.** There are 3 areas of focus: worship, outreach at Paularino, and small groups learning to love like Jesus did.
- c.** What do we do? Know the love of God.
- d.** Disciple ones who abide in Jesus.
- e.** Practice of Discipleship
 - i.** The Holy Spirit is the impetus for change.
 - ii.** Adopting the Narratives of Jesus
 - iii.** Participation in community in the context of relationships
 - iv.** Soul Training Exercises to encourage and strengthen the participants' souls.
- f.** Build Trust by creating predictable environment: Set Clear Expectations
 - i.** Setting a calendar. Plan a time to invite people to small groups
Small group Sundays will be in September and January.
 - ii.** During September to January small groups will conduct short studies so that newcomers will be easily assimilated. Longer studies will happen during the rest of the year.
 - iii.** Make the small groups accessible to more people.

- iv. Small group leaders were asked, “What is the goal of the small group?”
- v. How do we want to grow?

V. Chapel / Columbarium

- a. People have asked about having a smaller chapel to pray during the week.
- b. We also would be able to do the Wednesday Eucharist in the chapel.
- c. Classroom next to the conference room will become the chapel.
- d. Columbarium may be moved to the chapel. People who have columbarium space will be contacted about the move.

VI. Coronavirus Update –

- a. Cumulative Cases to Date in Orange County - 32,648
- b. Daily COVID cases positive - 905
- c. Cumulative Deaths - 543
- d. Deaths today - 22
- e. Testing Positivity - 12.6%
- f. 32% of ICU beds currently available
- g. 63% percent ventilators available
- h. Until there is a vaccine, the Covid-19 will be difficult to control.

VII. Video Equipment and Lighting Update was given by Bob Kirkland.

- a. Equipment has been ordered and should arrive soon.
- b. They found better pricing through VMI, a company in Cypress that we used to install the video cameras at the Lido property.
- c. We will install two cameras in the back of the sanctuary. The first camera will be near the side door into Trane Hall, and second camera will be on the left, near the sound booth. Both new cameras will be mounted 2 feet lower than the current center camera.

VIII. Building Search Committee Update was given by Dave Chapman

- a. The building search committee has resumed their meetings and is looking to find a new space to lease or purchase. Our current lease is good until June of 2023, with another 3-year lease extension.
- b. We might need to find a new space to either lease or purchase.
- c. High Tower will be contacted in the next 2 weeks.

IX. Website Update

- a. Look at **stjchurch.live** for the new website progress.
- b. Beginning to add pages, menu is across the top.
- c. Very visual; lots of images.

X. Executive Session

XI. Closing Prayer was given by Karen Lorenz.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Armstrong, Clerk of the Vestry

Upcoming Events

Vestry meetings: first and third Thursdays at 7:00 PM each month
Finance Committee meetings: third Wednesday at 7:00 PM each month

Next Vestry meeting: August 6, 2020 at 7:00 PM via Zoom.
Next Finance Committee meeting: August 19, 2020 7:00 PM via Zoom.

Pastor Brian and family vacation, July 27 – August 2
Pastor Antonio guest preacher, August 2