

St. James Anglican Church

Vestry Workshop

September 2, 2021

Vestry Members Present via Zoom: Rev. Brian Schulz, Rector, David Chapman, Senior Warden, Bob Kirkland, Jr. Warden, Margie Armstrong, Clerk, Terri Boykin, Don Flick, Beverly Lucas, and Marta McLaughlin

Vestry Members Absent: Cheri Dale
Others present: Rev. Jason Lyon

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

I. Opening Prayer and Devotion (1 Tim 3:1-13)

- a. What surprises you about this passage?
- b. Not a recent convert, a deacon must be dignified, must be hospitable
- c. What things were not mentioned but we ask prospective vestry members to have?
- d. Tithe, attend church events, being available, being a team member, managing the self, church, wisely using resources.
- e. **Prayers for St. James** – Thank you loving this church. We are desiring to choose men and women who love you. We ask that you would guide our steps and we would end up with 2 candidates who are committed to you and would work as a team.
Thank you for helping us through the Covid-19 pandemic that enabled us to worship on zoom, in the parking lot, and in the church. We give you thanks for guiding our vestry team. We give you thanks and praise. We thank you for the sense of hope and renewal we are experiencing. We pray that our hearts will be filled by you, to love one another. Each of us will work like salt to season our neighborhoods. Expand our territory through the life stream and we pray for continued expansion.
Create a spirit of love with the BBQ this weekend. Keep our hearts open and give us a love for the unsaved. Allow them to come into the Lord's family. May we have some new people who will desire to be baptized in the future.

II. Approval of Vestry Minutes 08/19/21-

- a. A motion was made by Dave Chapman to approve the minutes as amended. Bev Lucas seconded the motion. Motion passed.

III. St. James Bylaws

- a. The church's Bylaws are being revised and updated. The revised Bylaws will be presented at the next vestry meeting on September 23, 2021.
- b. There was some discussion about Article 7 Section 7.1 about \$1K limit for expenditures that were not approved by the Vestry prior to spending the money.

- c. Congregation approves changes at the Annual Meeting. Then the Bylaws are sent to the Diocesan attorney, Myron Steeves, for his review.

IV. Vestry Candidate Selection Discussion

- a. Who do we want to serve on Vestry? A member that would work well the rest of the vestry members.
- b. Vetting process will take place at the Oct. 7 Vestry Meeting.
 - i. We will continue the vetting process we used last year.
 - ii. Criteria for vestry
 - 1. Walks with God, emotionally stable
 - 2. Team player that will engage in Vestry discussions
 - 3. Is able to compromise and support the group decision
 - 4. Is the Lord asking them to serve?
 - 5. Been on vestry before?
 - 6. Humility, maturity, learn from others, admit mistakes and move on.
 - 7. Have some candidates in mind to recommend at the next Vestry Meeting, Sept. 23.

V. Annual Meeting Plan

- a. Sunday, Oct. 31 10 am service followed by lunch of Newport Ribs.
- b. What would they like to hear?
 - i. About the continuation of the church during Covid-19.
 - ii. Where are we going in the next five years?
 - iii. 80th Anniversary of the church
 - 1. Dave Chapman has a lot of church memorabilia
 - 2. Bulletins, pictures from the past etc.
 - iv. Ask if Erin could put together a video of Dave's memorabilia so we can show the video during the Annual Meeting.
 - v. Nov. 6 is Memorial Service for Marian Michael. We will also do a remembrance of her at the Annual Meeting.
 - vi. Chapel will be dedicated as the Marian Michael's Chapel. Date of dedication to be determined.

VI. Stewardship 2021

- a. Stewardship will run through the month of November.
- b. Everyone will receive a book entitled the *Sermons of Ruth*.
- c. Pastor Brian will send out a series of letters to the parish.
- d. People will receive tithing envelopes if they wish.

VII. Music Survey Objectives

- a. Make sure you complete the music survey.
- b. Make sure your spouse completes the survey.

VIII. Oikos Implementation Update

- a. Pastor Brian will record 2 more videos
- b. Marta and John's House Church will begin Oikos, during the third week of September.
- c. Everyone in the McLaughlin House Church needs to read the book:
8 to 15 The World is Smaller Than You Think by Tom Mercer.

IX. Introduction to St. James' Video

- a. Erin has been making a new video for the church.
- b. We will show it at the Annual Meeting.
- c. It will be on the website.

X. Other Updates

- a. Building Lease expires on May 31, 2023 (1 year and 9 months)
- b. Building Lease extension expires on May 31, 2026 (4 yrs. and 9 months)
- c. Where do we move?
 - a. Another industrial building?
 - b. Sub-lease from existing church?
 - c. Buy a property?
- d. **Considerations:**
 - a. Cost
 - b. Availability of space
 - c. Neighborhood
 - d. Our ministries
 - e. Service times
 - f. Need to pray and fast about the building.
- e. **Anonymous Gift**
 - a. Some church members had a meeting with the donor to determine how to invest the money with Morgan Stanley.
 - b. Donor wants the money to be invested in "green stocks"
 - c. Donor wants the gift to be invested as a "Model 2" investment
 - d. We need to decide how to invest the money.
 - e. We need to check to see if the diocese has any policies about investments in the stock market.

f. Maryl's Wedding Gift and Presentation

- a. October 7, 2021 the gift will be given at 1 pm.

g. Newport Ribs will be served for the Annual Meeting lunch.

- a. White table cloths and orange napkins
- b. We will decide on the side dishes next week. Bob K. will send us an email of the choices.
- c. China plates or paper plates?

XI. Closing Prayer was given by Terri Boykin.

XII. Meeting was adjourned at 9:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie J. 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: September 23, 2021 at 7:00 PM
Next Finance Committee meeting: September 15, 2021 at 7:00 PM

End of Summer Parish Barbecue: September 4, after the 10:00 AM Service

Pastor Brian on Vacation: September 12-18, 2021