

St Andrew's Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2021
3:00 PM in the Undercroft and via Zoom

Attendees: Christine Benken (Zoom), David Blanchard, Marilyn Cheney, Priscilla Glendinning, Sally Pearce, Lili Pugh, Suzannah Rohman, Ed Ross, Seth Stewart, Edie Vaughan and Rachel Zoller

Absent: Cindy Freese

1. Opening:

- a. Opening Prayer: Suzannah opened the vestry meeting with a prayer at 3:08.
- b. Check-in: Suzannah asked how everyone was doing and vestry members gave an update.

2. Reports and Action Items:

- a. Approval of Minutes of June Meeting: There being no additions, edits or corrections to the Meeting Minutes of 06/15/21 from Cindy Freese, a motion was made to accept the minutes as distributed. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
- b. Property Committee—Christine Benken: Christine provided an update:
 - i. Christine has talked to Margaret Gaertner, Preservationist, formerly of Barba + Wheelock, and from Margaret she got the names of two structural engineers.
 - ii. She is also trying to get in touch with two people in the Camden area (an architect and an engineer) that have been recommended by Ed Ross.
 - iii. Tor Glendinning would be willing, with an architectural historian, to put together a Master Plan that includes a Maintenance Plan. A discussion followed. Tor indicated he can't submit a proposal until the end of August.
 - iv. Christine and others from the Property Committee will be meeting with consultants today, July 20th, about repairing some of our stained glass windows. The timeline may be longer than originally anticipated.
 - v. We can't move ahead with the Memorial Garden work without documentation. The Property Committee will work with Dennis Anderson of Salt Bay Horticulture. Suzannah spoke about having people contribute to a special fund to support the Memorial Garden and asked the vestry to think about it. In the meantime, Christine will ask our lawn service if they can weed the garden.
 - vi. Ann has talked to a locksmith who can rekey all of the locks. The estimate is \$700.00 to do. No need for approval of additional money.
- c. Treasurer's Report: Ed reported that we are good shape. The PPP is both a challenge and a burden. Please refer to the written reports he submitted prior to the meeting.

3. New Business: None.

4. Old Business:

- a. Stewardship:
 - i. A discussion on changing the practice that St. Andrew's has followed in recent years of not having the rector know what members of the congregation have pledged to the church took place. After discussion it was concluded that Suzannah and Seth will work on draft language for a new more wholistic written policy on how financial and other personal information is maintained and who has access to such information.
 - ii. David reported that not many names have been submitted for nomination to the Stewardship Committee. Ideas for newer people and people from the 8:00 congregation are needed.
- b. Christian Formation: Suzannah has heard from parents that children are Zoomed out for the time being. Byron Stuhlman will lead a course for adults in the fall.
- c. Communications and Technology Update: —Suzannah reported that with the completion of the new website, the Communications and Technology Committee will be not be meeting until September.
- d. Reopening: Suzannah reported that a couple of Twelve Step groups have started to meet in the church again. Edie asked about Death Café and David asked about Coastal Senior College using the church. The initial reaction was the church should give preference to 'Life Emergency' groups but will continue to monitor usage and availability for other groups.
- e. Other: Suzannah indicated that Byron, Bob and John will fill in for her while she is on vacation in August. If it's raining, the appropriate Supply Clergy will make the call about cancelling.

5. Expressions of Gratitude: None.

Adjournment: A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth H. Stewart
Acting Clerk for the meeting