

CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL VESTRY MINUTES

May 21, 2020

01. CALL TO ORDER.

- a. Present were: Laura Eichenberger; Seth Sizer; Rachel Lamar; Barbara Arthur; Rebecca Smith; James Hawkins, Junior Warden; Chip Caldwell, Senior Warden; and Father Park Bodie, Interim Rector. Also in attendance were Catherine Ballinger, Seminarian; and Brian J. Henry, Parish Administrator.
- b. Upon declaration that a quorum was in attendance, the Zoom meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM .

02. OPENING PRAYER & DEVOTIONAL. Seth Sizer

03. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL. The Senior Warden opened the Consent Agenda and noted that the three items below had been placed in Old Business, New Business, or Other Business, as appropriate, to be discussed later in the meeting. He solicited requests to move any other items to Old Business, New Business, or Other Business. Hearing none, the Consent Agenda was approved without objection.

- a. Pledges down \$1700 per week over the last 8 weeks for a total \$12K shortfall thus far this year.
- b. Yates Trust Regions Bank Earnings Call – 5/12/2020.

04. OLD BUSINESS.

- a. Return to Church Preparations – Diocese COVID-19 Task Force Recommendations. (See Christ Church website, Vestry Work Board, Important Documents folder.)
 1. Seth Sizer made a MOTION to have only one service each week initially, seconded by Barbara Arthur, and unanimously approved. During discussion, a suggestion was made to hold the service at 10am..
 2. Using the Diocese COVID-19 Task Force document as a guide, the Vestry progress point-by-point through the document, concluding with those 1st run draft safety precautions listed in Appendix A.
 3. Input from the Parish Life Committee regarding hospitality (Appendix B) provided a very reasoned phasing over time. The Outreach Committee also provided their viewpoint (Appendix B).
- b. New Rector Search Update. An email from Canon Bolt to New Rector Search Committee Chairman Michael Thompson advised that all Diocese rector searches have been suspended until the next recruitment cycle next Spring. In addition, the email indicated that the Diocese Finance Committee was reassessing the Diocese budget and that no commitment

could be made regarding the Diocese \$35K funding share for the new rector. Based upon this new situation, the Senior Warden requested a MOTION to disband the current search committee, to be reconstituted when the search resumes next Spring, since it has been two years and no activity. Discussion ensued. No motion was made.

- c. COVID-19 Federal Payroll Protection Grant. Upon question by a Vestry member, the Senior Warden reported that no activity had occurred since the last meeting.

05. NEW BUSINESS.

- a. Finance Report. In the absence of the Treasurer, the Senior Warden led a discussion regarding current pledge status noting that pledges down an average of \$1700 per week since Mar 22, totalling \$12K over last 8 weeks. Nine pledgers have submitted no contributions since Mar 22. The Vestry suggested several interventions, including sending out year-to-date pledge status and, failing success, to consider asking each Vestry member to call selected pledgers.

06. OTHER BUSINESS.

- a. No other business was discussed during this meeting.

07. FUTURE NEW BUSINESS AGENDA.

- a. 2020 Vestry Meeting calendar. FYI only.
- b. COVID-19 Federal Payroll Protection Grant Approval.
- c. 1st Reading. Bylaws Update to Solve for Zoom Legality (requested by Diocese)

08. COMMITMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING.

- a. No other commitments were made during this meeting.

09. CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT SUGGESTIONS. Appendix Z. Email suggestions.

10. CLOSING PRAYER. Seth Sizer.

11. ADJOURNMENT. Motion made to adjourn, upon second, motion passed to adjourn at 7PM. Next meeting will be June 4th, 2020 at 5:20PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian J. Henry