



ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Vestry Meeting Minutes

Date: May 14, 2020 Submitted by: Deanna-Marie Nati
Meeting Open: 7:00 p.m. Adjourned: 9:05 p.m.
Next Meeting: June 11, 2020

Present:

Jeanne Percival, Sr. Warden	Sharon Jones
Amber Root, Jr. Warden	Mark Korzelius
Molly Ehlenfield- ABSENT	Eric Boron
Megan MacConkey	Pete Schlau
Marylou Pohl	Irene Ehde
Lynn Clark	Mike Somer

Jeanne Percival led the Vestry in prayer.

Add to Agenda

- Jeanne Percival asked if there was anything to add to the Agenda, and Pete Schlau stated that he would like to add an Endowment update

Review of Minutes

- Jeanne Percival asked if there were additions or corrections to the minutes of the April 8, 2020 meeting. Marylou Pohl motioned to accept the minutes, and Irene Ehde and Sharon Jones seconded the motion. The minutes were passed by a unanimous vote.

Monthly Finances

- March and April financials were reviewed
- Mike Somer stated that giving is down from last year, but that it is still coming in
- Pete Schlau stated that there is a concern because giving was down before the Pandemic began
- Discussion took place regarding a “thank you” letter to the parish for giving during this time, but to make sure to be sensitive to those that are not working – will reiterate that pledges can be mailed in or you can use the bill pay option at your bank
- Amber Root and Eric Boron discussed creating a letter to “active donors” and another letter to those that may not be sending in pledges. Mike Somer to give list of people that have pledged
- Discussed Jack & Jill lease to see if they are up to date with their rental payments
- Deanna will forward a copy of the lease to the Vestry for review

Jeanne Suski

- Discussion took place whether to continue to pay Jeanne Suski. The Vestry felt that anyone who brings such value to St. Martin's should continue to be paid
- Eric Boron stated that this was discussed at the Standing Committee meeting and that the Bishop stated that if we could continue to pay staff, we should, and staff with talent was discussed. The Diocese has also offered to contact them first to see if they could assist with staff salaries if a parish is having difficulties
- The Vestry decided that there was no discernment and that they would look at it as a month by month basis and reach out to the Diocese if need be

Endowment Update

- The Endowment Board is looking to address how to "use" the Recognition Tree
- There is a consensus to recognize all gifts on the tree – random color leaves will be assigned and engraved
- Pete Schlau stated that there hasn't been a gift since 2012, and the Endowment Board is looking to have the "leaves" and the tree look different when we return to in-person worship
- Pete Schlau will work on a policy and present it to the Vestry at the next meeting for a vote

Search Team Update

- Amber Root spoke to Joe Childs to put pressure on the Diocese and he will be having a conference call with the Search Team
- The Vestry inquired if there were any candidates, and Amber Root responded that we must keep the candidates confidential to protect their privacy and to keep the process "clean"
- Amber Root will let Joe Childs know that the Vestry is behind moving forward with the Search

Rectory Update

- Pete Schlau stated that Julie DeAngelo has taken us a long way, and he is looking to see what else needs to be completed
- There are only punch-list items left
- The handyman is unable to do electrical or plumbing
- Marge Schlau's brother has completed the electrical, including using his own materials, as a donation to St. Martin's. The Wardens will send out a thank you card to him showing our appreciation
- Marylou Pohl inquired as to what Utech is, and Pete Schlau stated that is was the company that repaired a crack in the basement of the Rectory. There is another that still needs to be repaired, but Pete has an estimate for that
- The Vestry thanked Pete Schlau and Mark Korzelius for all of their work with the Rectory

Fr. Tom

- Discussed limitations that Fr. Tom has during the pandemic for visitations, etc.

- Amber Root stated that we can reinforce with Fr. Tom that we expect him to call parishioners and stay in contact with them when needed

Diocesan Convention

- Eric Boron offered to contact the Diocese to let them know that we will have delegates for Convention and will provide the names when more information becomes available

Reach-outs

- Marylou Pohl stated that Cheryl Geisler is in a nursing home and she will follow up to get the address
- Pete Schlau stated that he has received positive feedback regarding the reach-outs

In-Person Services

- It was stated that we have not received any new information regarding guidelines for re-opening
- Discussion took place that where the Diocese is lacking, we can fill in the gaps by creating our own task force. Amber Root to head. Jeanne Percival will follow-up with Canon Cathy as well

Additional Services

- Ideas for additional services took place such as Bible Study or support groups of some kind. It was suggested to maybe invite the people on your Reach-out list to get together for a Zoom party
- “Some Good News” was discussed to send out electronically to share pictures or updates or celebrations with the congregation. Forward any info to Deanna and she will create an eblast to send out

Cleaning

- Jeanne Percival will reach out to Elizabeth Wynne regarding the Cleaning Schedule
- Jeanne suggested maybe having one family choose a section so they are not at the Church at the same time

Ehrlich

- Pete Schlau will follow up with them

Chicken BBQ

- Pete Schlau reported that the sub-committees have met
- It was discussed that the food portion of the event is the easy part, and the basket raffle is the most difficult
- Discussion took place of ideas that we could do for take-out chicken, and then have another event in August

- The VFW has had a drive-thru Chicken BBQ and it was very successful. Pete urges people to visit to see their “operation”
- There will be a full team meeting in a few weeks
- We will be reaching out to other churches and can reciprocate with advertising their events as well
- Mark Korzelius to provide an article for the weekly newsletter

Food Sunday

- Sharon Jones is very interested in opening up our own food pantry at St. Martin’s
- Eric Boron offered to provide Sharon with a name of someone who could give Sharon legal advice
- The Vestry will keep this item on the Agenda for the June Meeting

Sign

- Joe Childs is currently working on repairing the sign out front

Vestry Liaison Reports

- Christian Ed – Megan MacConkey reported that the J2A Pilgrimage is currently still on, and that they just owe the final payment. There are however, concerns about the flights
- Funerals - No report given at this time
- Office - No report given at this time
- Communications – No report given at this time
- Scheduling – No report given at this time
- Buildings & Grounds – Mark Korzelius followed up and replaced the batteries in the smoke detectors downstairs

Columbarium

- Discussed getting an estimate for a new Columbarium, and information for the leaves to be engraved for the Recognition Tree as well

Next Vestry Meeting

- The next Vestry Meeting will be on Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 7pm via Zoom

Motion to adjourn was offered by Pete Schlau, and was seconded by Eric Boron. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Attachments:

1. Vestry Meeting Agenda – May 14, 2020 - Jeanne Percival