

– MINUTES –

ST. ANNE'S VESTRY MEETING

AUGUST 27, 2019

Present: Fr. Lonnie Lacy, Chris Beckham, Nancy Bryan, Sarah Cook, Mike Curry, Brenda Doss, Carl Duncan, Allen Lamb, Dan Milton, Linda Moore, Jessica Patrick, Janelle Taylor, Shelly Schmeisser (Treasurer), and Clayton Riehle/Pam Leonard (Clerk)

Absent: Ann Seward

1. OPENING PRAYER – Fr. Lonnie Lacy opened the meeting with prayer.
2. DRAFT BUDGET PRESENTATION – Shelly Schmeisser presented a draft of the 2020 budget. She asked that vestry members look over the worksheet and send changes to her by email.
3. FINANCIAL REPORTS
 - a. Finance Committee & Treasurer's Reports – Ms. Schmeisser provided the July 31, 2019 Operating Budget Summary.
4. FORMATION – Fr. Lonnie led the Vestry in a discussion on shared leadership.
1 Corinthians 12:12 – For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.
 - a. Task & Relationship in Church Leadership – a balance of three components:
 - i. Individual needs and wants
 - ii. Relationships
 - iii. Task
5. DISCUSSION
 - a. Communications: FlockNote Proposal – Sarah Cook presented information on this text communication system designed for churches. She plans to use Vestry members as a test group for the system.
 - b. Donation/Disposal of Church Van – Allen Lamb asked for authority to dispose of the church van.
 - c. Bishop Search Update – Fr. Lonnie shared the final slate of five candidates to be voted on at the Diocesan Convention in November, as well as opportunities to meet the candidates during "Walkabouts" around the Diocese in October.

6. INFORMATION

- a. Rector's Report
 - i. Moultrie Property Update – There is continued work on appraisal.
 - ii. Vestry Nominations – The Committee has been named and will begin work on nominations.
 - iii. Providence School of Tifton – This school has asked for use of space on the St. Anne's campus. This request has been denied.
- b. Senior Warden's Report – Chris Beckham provided no report.
- c. Junior Warden's Report – Allen Lamb reported the following.
 - i. Review: Hands on St. Anne's – The day went well, but another is needed.
 - ii. Georgia Power Lighting Audit – This is a free audit to switch all fluorescent lighting to LED. Georgia Power will supplement the cost for the change.
 - iii. Prayer Garden – Three damaged cypress trees have been removed.
 - iv. Little St. Anne's – Quotes are being gathered for repainting.
- d. Liaison Reports
 - i. Adult Formation – Brenda Doss provided a written report. See *appendix*.
 - ii. Communications (S. Cook)
 - iii. Mission (*open*)
 - iv. Newcomers (L. Moore)
 - v. Outreach – Ann Seward provided a written report. See *appendix*.
 - vi. Parish Life – Jessica Patrick brought a motion from Parish Life Committee to plan a Parish Retreat every two years.
 - vii. Pastoral Care (J. Taylor)
 - viii. Stewardship (C. Duncan)
 - ix. Youth & Children – Nancy Bryan provided a written report. See *appendix*.
 - x. Worship (*open*)
- e. See Upcoming Dates below.

7. DECISION

- a. Donation/Disposal of Church Van (S. Schmeisser/D. Milton). **Approved.**
- b. Parish Retreat to be held every two years. **Approved.**

8. MINUTES – The minutes for the July 23, 2019 Vestry Meeting were approved as circulated by email.

9. CLOSING PRAYER – Brenda Doss closed the meeting with prayer.
UPCOMING DATES

Vestry Minutes
August 27, 2019

September 1	Candidates for 11th Bishop of Georgia announced
September 8 10 a.m.	BISHOP BENHASE'S FINAL VISITATION Combined service
October 3	Vestry Nominees Announced
October 6	10 a.m. CONSECRATION SUNDAY Combined service/pledges blessed on the altar
October 24-25	Bishop Candidate "Walkabouts" Meet the candidates for our next bishop. 6 p.m. Oct. 24, Christ Episcopal Church, Valdosta 1521 N. Patterson St., Valdosta, GA 31602 6 p.m. Oct. 25, Calvary Episcopal Church, Americus 408 South Lee St., Americus, GA 31709
October 31	All Hallows Eve
November 3	10 a.m. ALL SAINTS / YOUTH SUNDAY & ANNUAL MEETING Combined service; youth preaching and leading
November 14-16	Diocesan Convention in Statesboro; Election of new bishop

Appendix

Adult Formation, Brenda Doss:

Continued work on new and different ideas for Adult Sunday School in response to Renewal Works findings. Anyone with suggestions/ideas is welcome to share with Brenda!

Outreach, Ann Seward:

Loaves of Love's first youth summer baking experience was a big success. Thanks to a good number of adult volunteers, sessions went smoothly. The children were engaged and learning as they baked items for the Rally Sunday bake sale. Hopefully, knowing that the proceeds from their efforts were added to the youth mission fund will encourage them in their desire to help others through outreach.

Youth Formation, Nancy Bryan:

The summer baking sessions for the children were very well received and popular. Over the summer, an education meeting was held for all interested in possible roles with the youth. This was a successful way to gather adult volunteers.

Sunday School is going well with teachers and attendance. Combining the 6th-12th grades has already caused one high schooler to select not to attend, and so we are moving to be sure to talk to any 6th-12th grader who has been confirmed, so that they know that they are very welcome in adult Sunday School classes.

The kick-off for the Wednesday Night Programs is this week. Route 66 is the curriculum chosen for PreYC and will be taught on alternate Wednesdays with Erica Day teaching songs and other things in preparation for the Christmas pageant on the other Wednesdays. For children who do not wish to work on the Christmas pageant, there will be an outreach craft activity. Allen Lamb is taking leadership of the EYC group, which will continue to meet on Wednesday night, though some are also doing confirmation classes on Sundays at the moment.

All Hallows' Eve will be gearing up soon, and Shelly Schmeisser is gathering up a committee for this event in the next couple of weeks to begin planning. She has already had a few people indicate their willingness to serve and to take a leadership role.

The addition of an acolyte schedule has been helpful, and while substitutions are often making the printed names in the bulletin inaccurate, it has helped to maintain a certain level of acolytes in the services and to hold parents accountable. Four acolytes attended the Diocesan Acolyte Festival this past weekend. Next on the agenda is to order new robes.

Diocesan events are being monitored by the committee, but it was noted that the next Happening will take place during the Bishop's Visitation at St. Anne's.

The Committee has added a role of "mission" to the table, and Nicky Lamb is taking leadership of this area. There is no project to announce yet.

The Committee is very interested in a decision on the church van; on guidelines established for determining decisions on accepting or rejecting adults who have offered to work with our youth; and on St. Anne's creating a code of ethics or some policies around child safety, available to everyone.