

## – MINUTES –

### ST. ANNE'S VESTRY MEETING

AUGUST 25, 2020

\*Meeting held by Zoom videoconference\*

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Present: Fr. Lonnie Lacy, Mary Alice Applegate, Chris Beckham, Sarah Cook, Brenda Doss, Carl Duncan, Donna Falcone, Allen Lamb, Brandon Medley, Linda Moore, Kathy Moreno, Jessica Patrick, and Pam Leonard (Clerk)

Absent: Nancy Bryan and Shelly Schmeisser (Treasurer)

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1. OPENING PRAYER – Fr. Lonnie opened the meeting with prayer.

2. FORMATION – Fr. Lonnie led the Vestry in a discussion on Matthew 15:21-28:

*Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.*

- a. In an effort to initiate a conversation on race through the lens of the Bible, points of discussion were:
  - i. Connections between this reading and our modern-day concerns about race.
  - ii. What we would like to understand better when it comes to race in America.
  - iii. Gift(s) St. Anne's brings, or could bring, to the larger conversation on race.
  - iv. How our parish needs to be challenged or grow with regard to the larger conversation on race.

3. DISCUSSION

- a. Discernment Regarding Worship

- i. Updates on Diocesan Policies – There have been no changes or updates to the policies.
- ii. Feedback on Drive-Through Communion – As discussed at the July meeting, this event was well received.
- iii. Reopening – The group discussed the pros/cons of reopening, as well as types of services other churches are offering. Fr. Lonnie then posed the question, does the Vestry feel called to consider reopening? Concerns regarding a possible spike in Covid cases after the reopening of schools was expressed, and the suggestion was made to delay a decision until these numbers are available. Available information suggests parishioners understand, but some are a bit frustrated. The Vestry decided a discussion of the next steps in the process would be beneficial. To gather input from a larger segment, the group agreed to put forth a survey to all St. Anne's members. The survey will be distributed in the *Open Door* weekly e-newsletter and possibly through the mail. Senior Warden Chris Beckham will announce the survey beforehand and share where the parish is in the reopening process. He will explain that the survey is to gather information about what types of services, etc., parishioners are willing to attend and the protocols they would like to see in place and are willing to follow. Sarah Cook will take the lead in preparing the survey. Kathy Moreno and Pam Leonard volunteered to assist as well.

#### 4. INFORMATION

- a. Rector's Report
  - i. Bishop Frank Logue will virtually visit St. Anne's on September 13 by leading the service of Morning Prayer. This livestream will also serve as the Diocesan worship for that Sunday.
  - ii. Dancing Priest T-shirts and memorabilia sales are going very well, with \$1,000 in profits to date. These proceeds will not be used for a mission team trip to the Dominican Republic, but will be sent directly to Espiritu Santo for use as needed.
  - iii. The Vestry Nominating Committee – consisting of two Vestry members and two non-Vestry parishioners – should be populated. Fr. Lonnie asked Senior Warden Chris Beckham to serve and enlist the other three members.
  - iv. The new photo Church Directory will be mailed very soon.
- b. Senior Warden's Report – no report
- c. Junior Warden's Report – no report
- d. Liaison Reports
  - i. Adult Formation (*B. Doss & D. Falcone*) – see attachment

- ii. Communications (*S. Cook*) – no report
  - iii. Mission (*open*) – no report
  - iv. Newcomers (*L. Moore*) – no report
  - v. Outreach (*M.A. Applegate*) – see attachment
  - vi. Parish Life (*J. Patrick*) – no report
  - vii. Pastoral Care (*B. Medley*) – see attachment
  - viii. Stewardship (*K. Moreno*) – no report
  - ix. Youth and Children (*N. Bryan*) – see attachment
  - x. Worship (*K. Moreno*) – no report
5. FINANCIAL REPORTS – In Treasurer Shelly Schmeisser’s absence, Fr. Lonnie presented financial reports for the month ending July 31, 2020. He also said the potential buyer for the Moultrie property is still interested. Work continues toward this sale.
6. MINUTES – The minutes for the July 28, 2020 Vestry Meeting were approved as circulated by email.
7. CLOSING PRAYER – Brandon Medley closed the meeting with prayer.

## — LIAISON REPORTS —

### August, 2020

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#### Adult Formation *(Brenda Doss and Donna Falcone)*

We are exploring online course options for Sunday School and AF alternatives (ie: Covid 19 Spiritual Survival Kit from Church Next).

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#### Communications *(Sarah Cook)*

No report.

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#### Mission *(no liaison)*

No report.

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#### Newcomers *(Linda Moore)*

No report.

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#### Outreach *(Mary Alice Applegate)*

- Outreach Support has purchased several hundred masks for school children, in response to requests from two teachers who are St. Anne's members. Although the Tift County School System is providing masks for children whose families can't afford them, the masks will be kept in the front office, which requires students leave the classroom, some distance from the office. Disposable masks in kids' and adult sizes have been ordered and some are awaiting distribution.
- Outreach Support has agreed to support the South Georgia Immigrant Support Network by providing storage space for bins of clothing and travel supplies provided to deportees. The approved space is a stair well across from the church office. The space currently holds chairs to be discarded. Outreach Support is determining if these chairs can be donated to another church or group. On August 14, Outreach Support donated items (duffel bags and back packs, clothing, and masks) for six deportee travel bags. Once Leeann Culbreath and Christine Tibbetts inventory the bins, a full list of needed supplies will be distributed.
- The Outreach Support Group has not heard any further news from Second Harvest regarding participation in the USDA funded Point of Distribution (POD) Kit program. Art Lawton has started keeping a log of refrigerator temperature readings, as a food safety requirement of Second Harvest.
- Food Box Ministry continues its monthly distribution to needy families.
- There is an uptick in distributing Emergency Food Bags: Jimmy Felton reports that eight emergency food bags have been picked up since the last meeting.
- Knots of Love recently completed and delivered two prayer shawls and a blanket.

- Loaves of Love continues to provide loaves to the monthly food box recipients, emergency food recipients, Brother Charlie's Rescue Mission, and Ruth's Cottage.
  - Clayton Riehle has contacted St. Anne's Pastoral Care to ask if there are any needs that Cancer Care can help with. The American Cancer Society has started making plans for the 2021 Relay for Life event. Giving opportunities are available online. St. Anne's has a Relay for Life Team.
  - Adopt a Mile: The group conducted a pickup on the first Saturday of August, with six volunteers participating. The next pickup will be on October 10th.
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### Parish Life *(Jessica Patrick)*

No report.

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### Pastoral Care *(Brandon Medley)*

Fr. Lonnie and Brandon meet via teleconference every other week to discuss pastoral care needs. Brandon communicates action items to the pastoral care team.

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### Stewardship *(Kathy Moreno)*

No report.

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### Youth & Children *(Nancy Bryan)*

The Youth Formation Committee met via Zoom on August 6:

- Virtual options for Pre-EYC, EYC, and Godly Play are in the works and a survey will be going out to parents to query them about interest and participation.
  - The committee is also working with Father Lonnie on the policies and procedures regarding child safety at St. Anne's, in particular regarding those who volunteer with our children and youth.
  - The committee will meet again on September 15, via Zoom.
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### Worship *(Kathy Moreno)*

No report.