

– MINUTES –

ST. ANNE'S VESTRY MEETING

MAY 26, 2020

Meeting held by Zoom videoconference

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

Absent:

1. OPENING PRAYER – Fr. Lonnie opened the meeting with prayer.
2. FORMATION – Fr. Lonnie shared the Episcopal Relief and Development graph titled “Emotional Lifecycle of a Disaster” (see attachment) and asked for thoughts on where we are currently in the cycle. He then led the Vestry in a discussion of John 21:1-14, tying the scripture lesson to the impacts of the coronavirus on each of us.
3. DISCUSSION – Updates on reopening
 - a. Bishop-elect Frank Logue says there is no firm reopening date, and Diocese of Georgia churches will remain closed at least through June. A phased opening policy, to be planned at the diocesan level, will be used when reopening is appropriate. Bishop-elect Logue is coordinating with the Bishop of the Diocese of Atlanta as well as leaders of other denominations across the state on reopening. Until that time, St. Anne's will continue to livestream Morning Prayer each Sunday and Compline each evening.
 - b. As we navigate new phases of impact without a return to in-person worship, what does our parish need now?
 - i. We need to prepare for financial impact, having contingency plans in place.
 - ii. There is need for continual frank communication regarding staying home, wearing masks, etc., stressing that these are acts of Christian love.

- iii. We need to be together. We need human contact. Work to find ways to facilitate community in small groups.
- iv. The suggestion for "drive by" blessings was made.
- v. There is the need for validation that each individual is trying to do what's best. Accentuate positive behavior in hopes all will follow.
- c. What needs to be communicated most urgently to the parish?
 - i. How to purchase a Book of Common Prayer.
 - ii. The Vestry is thinking about our congregation and having conversations on how to move forward.
 - iii. The church is NOT closed. We are the church and we are still here.
 - iv. Those in financial need should contact Fr. Lonnie for assistance from the Discretionary Fund.

4. INFORMATION

- a. Rector's Report – no report
- 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 – Fr. Lonnie asked this group to explore possible ways for safe human interaction.
 - vii. Pastoral Care (*B. Medley*) – no report
 - viii. Stewardship (*K. Moreno*) – no report
 - ix. Youth and Children (*N. Bryan*) – no report
 - x. Worship (*K. Moreno*) – no report
- e. Upcoming Dates
 - i. May 30: Bishop Logue's Consecration
 - ii. May 31: Pentecost

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS – Treasurer Shelly Schmeisser presented financial reports for the month ending April 30, 2020.

6. MINUTES – The minutes for the April 28, 2020 Vestry Meeting were approved as circulated by email.

7. CLOSING PRAYER – Kathy Moreno closed the meeting with prayer.

— LIAISON REPORTS —

May, 2020

Adult Formation *(Brenda Doss and Donna Falcone)*

Adult Formation has begun to center around exploring what formation might look like as we move towards being a safe gathering space when the time is right.

Communications *(Sarah Cook)*

No report.

Mission *(no liaison)*

Newcomers *(Linda Moore)*

No report.

Outreach *(Mary Alice Applegate)*

- The Outreach Support Group is brainstorming ways to address the impact of the pandemic. New ways of operating have emerged.
- Anticipating the increased need for emergency food requests, Jimmy Felton has built an outdoor emergency food drop box. The structure (like a Little Free Library, but with a combination lock) has been erected by the covered driveway.
- The Outreach Support Group is submitting an application to Second Harvest. The application will allow the group to purchase items for the St. Anne's Food Box Ministry and the Emergency Food Bag ministry. It has become difficult to purchase (at the usual grocers) the quantities of canned goods and staples needed for these ministries.
- The St. Anne's Hospital Mask Making Group is now fulfilling a request from the Tiftarea YMCA for 125 cotton masks for the YMCA Summer Camp Counselors.
- The Outreach Support Group plans to poll community leaders to ask, "What does the community need most at this pandemic time?" We are open to suggestions about ways to step up our food distribution. New ideas (and volunteers) are welcome. I.E. The "Beans and Rice" program is offered at many Episcopal Churches in Alabama.
- The Outreach Group has contacted the Society of St. Andrews gleanings program. They welcome volunteer help in gleaning local produce. The Scout troop has expressed interest in participating. The Society could also use help in preparing bags, packing, and distributing.
- The Food Box Ministry continues, following social distancing guidelines.
- Knots of Love is continuing to fulfill requests for shawls.
- Cancer Care: The Relay for Life event has been postponed until the pandemic subsides. The "Date Night Raffle" was also postponed.

- Adopt a Mile: The group is tentatively planning a pickup in June. Safe health practices will be followed.
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Parish Life *(Jessica Patrick)*

No report.

Pastoral Care *(Brandon Medley)*

No report.

Stewardship *(Kathy Moreno)*

No report.

Youth & Children *(Nancy Bryan)*

No report.

Worship *(Kathy Moreno)*

No report.

Emotional Lifecycle of a Disaster (Elongated)

