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### ST. ANNE'S VESTRY MEETING

SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

Present: Fr. Lonnie Lacy, Chris Beckham, Mike Curry, Brenda Doss, Carl Duncan, Dan Milton, Ann Seward, Janelle Taylor, Shelly Schmeisser (Treasurer), Pam Leonard (Clerk), and Joe Falcone (Stewardship Committee Chair)

Absent: Nancy Bryan, Sarah Cook, Allen Lamb, Linda Moore, and Jessica Patrick

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1. OPENING PRAYER – Fr. Lonnie Lacy opened the meeting with prayer.
2. FORMATION – Fr. Lonnie led the Vestry in a discussion on stewardship using the scripture Luke 16:19-31.
  - a. Questions for thought:
    - i. How does this parable speak to our innate, spiritual need to give?
    - ii. Where is the judgement in the parable? Where is the grace?
    - iii. What is the fundamental truth of this parable?
    - iv. How does this parable apply to your life as a Christian and a member of St. Anne's?
3. DISCUSSION
  - a. Joint Stewardship/Vestry Meeting
    - i. Important things to remember about Consecration Sunday to be held on October 6:
      - All have an innate spiritual need to give.
      - Our giving should be intentional, not accidental.
      - Giving is an act of worship.
  - b. Plans to contact St. Anne's members who had not R.S.V.P'd to Sunday's Consecration luncheon were discussed. Because of lack of Vestry/Stewardship committee members' attendance, Fr. Lonnie asked for a vote on whether to distribute names. Members present agreed that the process should proceed as planned, so names were distributed to those present. An updated list will be provided Sunday before contacts begin on Monday.
4. INFORMATION
  - a. Rector's Report – Fr. Lonnie had no report.
  - b. Senior Warden's Report – Chris Beckham provided no report.
  - c. Junior Warden's Report – Allen Lamb provided no report.

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**d. Liaison Reports**

- i. Adult Formation – Brenda Doss provided a written report. See *appendix*.
  - ii. Communications – Sarah Cook provided a written report. See *appendix*.
  - iii. Mission (*open*)
  - iv. Newcomers (*L. Moore*)
  - v. Outreach – Ann Seward provided a written report. See *appendix*.
  - vi. Parish Life – Jessica Patrick provided a written report. See *appendix*.
  - 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.

**5. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

- a. Shelly Schmeisser provided the August 31, 2019 Operating Budget Summary, noting that a deficit will occur by November if pledged giving does not increase.
- b. Ms. Schmeisser also presented an updated 2020 Budget Worksheet.

**6. DECISION**

- a. Appoint Pam Leonard to serve as Vestry Clerk for the remainder of Clayton Riehle's term which includes the remainder of 2019 and 2020. (B. Doss/ C. Duncan – Approved)
- b. Move October Vestry Meeting to October 29. (Approved)

**7. MINUTES** – The minutes for the August 27, 2019 Vestry Meeting were approved as circulated by email.

**8. CLOSING PRAYER** – Chris Beckham closed the meeting with prayer.

**UPCOMING DATES**

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| October 6     | 10 a.m. | <b>CONSECRATION SUNDAY</b><br>Combined service/pledges blessed on the altar             |
| October 24-25 |         | Bishop Candidate "Walkabouts"<br>Meet the candidates for our next bishop.               |
|               | 6 p.m.  | Oct. 24, Christ Episcopal Church, Valdosta<br>1521 N. Patterson St., Valdosta, GA 31602 |
|               | 6 p.m.  | Oct. 25, Calvary Episcopal Church, Americus<br>408 South Lee St., Americus, GA 31709    |

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| <b>October 31</b>     |                | <b>ALL HALLOWS EVE TRUNK-OR-TREAT</b>   |
| <b>November 3</b>     | <b>10 a.m.</b> | <b>ALL SAINTS/YOUTH SUNDAY</b><br>Combined service; youth preaching and leading |
| <b>November 14-16</b> |                | Diocesan Convention in Statesboro;<br>Election of new bishop                    |
| <b>November 24</b>    | <b>10 a.m.</b> | <b>ANNUAL MEETING</b><br>Combined service, followed by Annual Meeting           |

## Appendix

### **Adult Formation, Brenda Doss:**

Seeking adult Sunday School leaders/presenters/moderators for spiritual growth topics. Any suggestions for topics or people are always welcome!

### **Communications, Sarah Cook:**

The FlockNote system was successfully beta tested with the vestry and we have since deployed it for signups with the PreYC parents and guardians. Emily Guerry and Sarah Cook imported all church members' cell phone numbers into the system. We now have the ability to send emergency texts to 219 members quickly in the event of severe weather or security issues. We will begin working with ministry areas to determine the groups that need text communication, identifying administrators of those groups, and training them on the system. A church-wide announcement will be made to educate the parish on the system and its capabilities.

### **Outreach, Ann Seward:**

Outreach sees the need for stronger networking among the St. Anne's mission areas as a means of maximizing the impact of all services both for our parishioners and the community. For example: Loaves of Love would like to contribute baked items when a meal is taken to a family, Food Box would welcome referrals about families needing assistance, Knots of Love about those who would benefit from a prayer shawl. The Cancer Care group could refer those they serve for any of the other services.

The hope is that we can all be more effective in sharing God's love to each other and to our friends in the community.

### **Parish Life, Jessica Patrick:**

Kitchen Ministry is planning for the many big events coming up. Consecration Sunday's lunch will be catered. On November 3 (All Saints) we are currently planning to go forward with a variety of soups. At the Annual Meeting on November 24 we will have a heavy social hour. Advent wreath-making is scheduled for December 1.

### **Youth Formation, Nancy Bryan:**

Wednesday Night programs had a great kickoff and are going well.

All Hallows' Eve is the current focus, and needs are great for donations and volunteers as the event gets larger every year with hundreds of guests on campus.

For acolytes, the order of new robes is the next course of business.

The Committee is looking at development of a Code of Ethics, or some policies and procedures around child safety that can be posted and shared.