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### ST. ANNE'S SPECIAL CALLED VESTRY MEETING

SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

\*Meeting held by Zoom videoconference\*

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

Absent: Nancy Bryan, Carl Duncan, Shelly Schmeisser (Treasurer)

Leave of Absence: Donna Falcone

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1. OPENING PRAYER – Fr. Lonnie opened the meeting with prayer.
2. TOPIC – The topic for this special called Vestry meeting is planning a return to in-person worship.
  - a. Fr. Lonnie presented one additional agenda item for consideration, a request from Donna Falcone for a three-month leave of absence from the Vestry.
3. DISCUSSION
  - a. The group revisited the worship survey results.
  - b. The Bishop's Guidelines for Worship were discussed. Notable:
    - i. Maximum service attendance is 50, even if more than one space is used.
    - ii. An individual vocal soloist may perform in an outside service.
    - iii. No masks are required for an outside service with 10-foot social distancing.
  - c. Fr. Lonnie offered a model to initiate discussion.
    - i. Outdoor service of less than 40 minutes.
      - It was suggested that consideration be given to acquiring a tent for use in case of inclement weather. A rental for the day is a possibility or purchasing a tent, which could also be used for future parish events, could be a more cost effective plan. Allen Lamb will research pricing for both. He also volunteered to acquire other weather related items such as heaters, etc.
    - ii. Seating pods may be spray painted on grass.

- Ushers should seat attendees.
- iii. Choir Director Stan Smith or another vocal soloist can be included on the program.
- iv. Use as few participants in the service as possible.
  - No Eucharistic Ministers will be needed as wine will not be offered.
  - One reader can read all scriptures for the service.
- v. Serve abbreviated Communion, bread only.
- vi. Use a sign-up/reservation system for 40 people per service (the extra 10 seats will provide space for worship leaders, visitors, and other unforeseen needs).
  - Sarah Cook suggested using SignUpGenius, a program that handles registration and has a check-in feature as well.
- vii. As many services as needed will be offered to accommodate reservations.
  - Extra chairs are necessary to avoid the need for cleaning between services.
- viii. Services should continue to be livestreamed or recorded for those who cannot attend in-person worship.
  - A plan to provide Communion for this group should be considered.
- d. After agreeing to move forward with this model, the suggestion was made to hold the service(s) on All Saints' Day, November 1.
  - i. Fr. Lonnie will organize a run through with the Vestry beforehand.
  - ii. The recommendation was made to delay committing to a future worship schedule until measuring the success of the November 1 effort.
  - iii. A sign-up system for volunteers to assist with services is needed.
  - iv. Educating the Parish is vital. Sarah Cook will be prepared to launch a communications plan.
  - v. Mary Alice Applegate volunteered to provide flowers or live plants for the November 1 service.
  - vi. Fr. Lonnie asked for a committed group to coordinate the planning for the service: Kathy Moreno, Chris Beckham, and Linda Moore will lead this effort.
  - vii. A formal motion was made by Allen Lamb and seconded by Brandon Medley to proceed with plans and request Diocesan approval. (See DECISION below.)

#### 4. DECISION

- a. The motion was made to work toward an in-person worship service(s) to be held outside on November 1, which will include Eucharist and music (A.

Lamb/B. Medley). The motion was approved. The proposal will be submitted to the Diocesan office for final approval.

- b. Donna Falcone's request for a leave of absence from the Vestry until December 29 was approved.

## 5. CLOSING PRAYER