

– MINUTES –

ST. ANNE'S VESTRY MEETING

MARCH 7, 2021

Held during the Annual Vestry Retreat in lieu of regularly scheduled February 23rd meeting

Present: Fr. Lonnie Lacy, Mary Alice Applegate, Erin Campbell, Jill Coogle, Sarah Cook, Allen Lamb, Brandon Medley, Linda Moore, Kathy Moreno, Jenna Claire Riddle, Lorie Felton (Treasurer), and Pam Leonard (Clerk)

Absent: Carl Duncan and Donna Falcone

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

2. DISCUSSION

a. Return to in-person worship – Fr. Lonnie shared revised Bishop's worship guidelines received after the February 21 Vestry vote approving a return to in-person worship on April 11. Major downward trends in Georgia's COVID numbers have allowed Bishop Logue to forgo the color code system and the requirement to pivot each week based on local numbers. In view of these updates, the Vestry discussed resuming in-person worship on Easter Sunday, April 4, a week earlier than originally planned. The Great Vigil of Easter will not be a viable option, but appropriate services can be offered which meet the Bishop's requirements. A schedule of 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11 a.m. was suggested. RSVPs would be required and other safeguards such as masks and social distancing would be in effect. Subsequent Sundays would follow the regular two-service schedule of 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

b. Vestry Member Opening

- i. Due to Eric Schwalls' resignation, a replacement liaison for the Stewardship area is needed. In addition to plans for the annual Stewardship Sunday event, a special renewed focus on the Building Fund Campaign will be necessary. Fr. Lonnie reported that Jill Coogle has agreed to assume this role since her Missions liaison area is somewhat on hold due to the pandemic.
- ii. After discussion on filling the vacant Vestry seat, a list of nominees was compiled. Fr. Lonnie and Sr. Warden Sarah Cook will handle the vetting process and present eligible candidates to the Vestry for a vote.

- c. Fr. Lonnie presented the 2020 Parochial Report and asked for input on responses to the narrative questions section of the document (see attachment).

3. INFORMATION

- a. Liaison Reports
 - i. Adult Formation (*Erin Campbell*) – no report
 - ii. Communications (*Donna Falcone*) – see attached
 - iii. Mission (*Jill Coogle*) – no report
 - iv. Newcomers (*Linda Moore*) – no report
 - v. Outreach (*Mary Alice Applegate*) – see attached
 - vi. Parish Life (*Jenna Claire Riddle*) – no report
 - vii. Pastoral Care (*Brandon Medley*) – see attached
 - viii. Stewardship (*Jill Coogle*) – no report
 - ix. Youth and Children (*Allen Lamb*) – no report
 - x. Worship

4. Treasurer Lorie Felton shared:

- a. Financial reports for the month ending January 31, 2021 (see attachment).
- b. The PPP loan has been forgiven, but St. Anne's does not meet the criteria to qualify for a second loan.
- c. Due to the closing of the Church Mouse Bookstore, funds in the bookstore account should be moved to another area. She will ask the Finance Committee for a recommendation and present to the Vestry for approval.

5. DECISION – The motion was made to return to in-person worship following the Bishop's latest guidelines on Easter Sunday, April 4. Three services will be offered on Easter at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11 a.m. Subsequent Sundays will follow the regular two-service schedule of 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. (A. Lamb/B. Medley). The motion passed unanimously.

6. MINUTES – The minutes for the January 26, 2021 Vestry Meeting and the February 18, 2021 special called meeting were approved as circulated by email.

7. CLOSING PRAYER – The weekend concluded with Sunday Morning Eucharist.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Leonard

Annual Parochial Report Narrative Questions

1. What were the primary opportunities, innovations, and challenges in conducting worship during the pandemic? What did you learn?
 - Opportunity: The ability to reach people who are not in our geographical boundaries who now share the St. Anne's worship experience; also creating bonds and developing relationships across the local community with those, some actually attend other churches, who have tuned in to livestreamed St. Anne's worship.
 - Opportunity: Couples and families saying Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, Compline, etc. together has been a moving and bonding experience.
Challenge: For those living alone, the opposite is sometimes the case...a sense of loneliness is created. In addition, those who are not tech savvy may have been unintentionally neglected.
 - Opportunity: Alternative forms of worship have provided occasions for parishioners to actually use and immerse themselves more fully in the Book of Common Prayer.
 - Challenge: Some parishioners have become accustomed to the virtual church attendance, the convenience of watching the service at a personally opportune time "in their pajamas." As we plan the return to in-person worship, engaging these members is a priority.
2. What are the primary opportunities and challenges your church is facing as it plans for the future?
 - Opportunity: The timing is appropriate. Returning to in-person worship on Easter will provide a wonderful celebration opportunity.
 - Challenge: Sustainability after the Easter celebration is a goal. As Sunday worship attendance generally decreases during the summer, measured steps must be taken to maintain participation.
3. What three things have changed the most in how the church conducts its ministry?
 - Eucharist
 - Formation
 - Baptism
 - Relationship building – coffee hour, shared meals, foyer groups...all the social aspects of our church lives
 - The Eucharist is the centerpiece of in-person worship. As we have used Morning Prayer for Sunday worship during the pandemic, the sermon has been the focal point.

— LIAISON REPORTS —

February, 2021

Adult Formation *(Erin Campbell)*

No report.

Communications *(Donna Falcone)*

The e-newsletter, *The Open Door*, is published weekly and sent by email at 8 a.m. on Thursdays and by Facebook post on Fridays. Through this publication, Donna plans to coordinate with the Vestry, primarily Sarah Cook and Father Lonnie, to inform members about return to in person worship and weekly protocols.

Donna also plans to spotlight St. Anne's ministry programs in the near future from a "testimonials" perspective as so many people benefit from these outreach efforts. She will run an open call for testimonials in the newsletter asking for brief stories or reactions about how each program has helped our members or their friends and families. She will also ask for photos when appropriate.

Mission *(Jill Coogle)*

No report.

Newcomers *(Linda Moore)*

No report.

Outreach *(Mary Alice Applegate)*

- **Love Notes Greeting Card Ministry:** Donna Falcone is coordinating this new ministry to residents at the South Georgia Rehab Center. Nine volunteers will be mailing cards to 19 residents, on (at least) a monthly basis.
- **Emergency food to displaced families:** Following a brain-storming session about expanding our food ministry, the Outreach Support Group contacted Michael Norman, Student Services Director at Tift County Schools. Mr. Norman has accepted three emergency food bags to provide to displaced families with children in the school system. He may ask for more as the need arises.
- **Cancer Care:** Clayton Riehle and the St. Anne's Relay for Life Team are planning an online auction. Donation items are requested, including artwork, gift baskets, and services. Clayton also needs help with promotion and bank transaction accounting.
- **Food Box:** Shelly Schmeisser is supplying fresh eggs to be delivered along with the monthly food boxes. Outreach Support has received a donation of a used freezer that will help with the storage of frozen meats purchased through Second Harvest Food Bank. Art Lawton keeps a daily log of refrigerator and freezer temperatures, as required by Second Harvest Food Bank.

- **Knots of Love** has provided several prayer shawls in the past month. The group invites those interested in knitting or crocheting to join this ministry.
 - **Loaves of Love:** Art Lawton continues to bake bread for the Food Box program, Emergency food bags, Ruth's Cottage, and Brother Charlie's Rescue Mission.
 - **South Georgia Immigrant Support Network:** Mary Alice Applegate and Libby Robertson recently assisted the volunteer network in packing over a dozen deportee bags. Clothing and travel bags continue to be stored in a closet in the Ministry Center.
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Parish Life *(Jenna Claire Riddle)*

No report.

Pastoral Care *(Brandon Medley)*

Fr. Lonnie and Brandon continue to monitor and discuss pastoral care needs within the parish. Brandon communicates needs to the pastoral care team.

Stewardship (?)

No report.

Youth & Children *(Allen Lamb)*

No report

Worship (?)

No report.

St. Annes Operating Budget Summary

Jan-21	Jan-21	Jan-20
Monthly Income All-Sources	\$ 53,872.77	\$ 44,932.34
Expenses	\$ 35,320.80	\$ 35,876.05
Net Operating Income	\$ 18,551.97	\$ 9,056.29

YTD January 2021	Jan-21	Jan-20
Total Income	\$ 53,872.77	\$ 44,932.34
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Note: Pledge Income	January	Year To Date	Budget YTD
Jan-21	\$ 53,872.77	\$ 53,872.77	\$ 38,619.00
Jan-20	\$ 44,258.00	\$ 44,258.00	
Difference	\$ 9,614.77	\$ 9,614.77	

Note: Budget	Expense YTD	Budget YTD	Difference
Jan-21	\$ 35,320.80	\$ 38,619.00	\$ 3,298.20
Jan-20	\$ 31,137.80	\$ 39,682.00	\$ 8,544.20

AMERIS BANK-Dedicated Accounts

Current Month	Past Month	Accounts
\$ 6,555.29	\$ 6,542.40	Diocesan Bond Interest
\$ 139,851.14	\$ 149,554.14	Money Market Holding
\$ 1,489.72	\$ 1,350.53	Money Market Checking
\$ 147,896.15	\$ 157,447.07	TOTAL CASH In AMERIS - Dedicated Accounts

OTHER Accounts (SGBC) Cash

Current Month	Past Month	Accounts
\$ 3,678.72	\$ 3,678.72	Bookstore

OTHER Savings/Investments

Current Month	Past Month	Accounts
\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	Diocesan Bonds
\$ 123,252.51	\$ 123,252.51	Episcopal Church Foundation-Endowment
\$ 242,279.69	\$ 242,279.69	Colquitt Property
\$ 11,117.66	\$ 11,117.66	Edward Jones Money market
\$ 426,649.86	\$ 426,649.86	TOTAL Other Savings/Investments

\$ 578,224.73	\$ 587,775.65	TOTAL Dedicated Cash/Savings/Investments
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SOUTH GEORGIA BANK - Operating Accounts

Account Balances	Current Month	Past Month
Checking: Church Operating	\$ 115,327.08	\$ 136,830.50
Operating Reserve	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
Real Estate Account	\$ 6,522.58	\$ 7,269.04
Total Cash in South Georgia Bank	\$ 221,849.66	\$ 211,155.42

Total Cash in SGBC & Ameris Banks	\$ 800,074.39	\$ 798,931.07
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Ministry Center Financing			
Building Fund			
	Income	Expenses	Balance
Jan-21	\$ 942.00	\$ 4,656.22	\$ 34,521.87

Mortgage Balance	\$ 635,155.75
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NOTABLE Dedicated Accounts

Account	Current Month	Past Month
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 28,286.09	\$ 28,286.09
Unrestricted Memorials	\$ 7,022.09	\$ 7,022.09
Restricted Memorials	\$ 7,100.75	\$ 5,895.75
Adult Formation	\$ 10,030.49	\$ 10,030.49
Mission Fund	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
Needlepoint	\$ 9,043.28	\$ 9,043.28
Outreach	\$ 9,906.85	\$ 10,147.02
Parish Life	\$ 9,777.61	\$ 9,777.61
Pastoral Care	\$ 1,000.32	\$ 1,000.32
Worship	\$ 2,498.82	\$ 2,498.82
Youth Formation	\$ 9,176.43	\$ 9,176.43

Rector's Discretionary Fund	\$ 7,049.51	\$ 5,940.59
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Building Fund				
Ministry Center Financing				
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	Income	Expenses	Balance	
Nov-20	\$ 1,286.00	\$ 4,656.22	\$ 37,698.31	
Dec-20	\$ 5,194.00	\$ 4,656.22	\$ 38,236.09	\$ 38,236.09
Jan-21	\$ 942.00	\$ 4,656.22	\$ 34,521.87	\$34,521.87
Feb-21		\$ 4,656.22	\$ 29,865.65	
Mar-21		\$ 4,656.22	\$ 25,209.43	
Apr-21		\$ 4,656.22	\$ 20,553.21	
May-21		\$ 4,656.22	\$ 15,896.99	
Jun-21		\$ 4,656.22	\$ 11,240.77	
Jul-21		\$ 4,656.22	\$ 6,584.55	
Aug-21		\$ 4,656.22	\$ 1,928.33	
Oct-21		\$ 4,656.22	\$ (2,727.89)	
Nov-21		\$ 4,656.22	\$ (7,384.11)	
Dec-21		\$ 4,656.22	\$ (12,040.33)	