

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2021

Present: Fr. RJ, Bruce Hixon, Jr. Warden; Beth Crowl, Linda Deuble, Carol Hayn, Marcia Kiesling, Mandy Pelger, Caroline Willoughby

Not Present: Gene Little; John Wise, Sr. Warden

Guests: Charlie Kiesling, Treasurer; Derek Gordon

The Vestry met virtually via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by Fr. RJ. Carol opened the meeting with a verse from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:8 and a prayer.

Bruce **motioned** to accept the minutes of the February 3, 2021 meeting. Linda seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

End of Life Ministry

- Derek presented an information sheet that explained the resources that will be available in the proposed End of Life Ministry.
- A motion will be presented at the April meeting that will establish the Vestry as the approval body for receipt of any bequests.

Finance Committee

- **SBA Loan**
 - Our application for a second PPP Loan is in progress.
- **Draw from Endowment**
 - The first draw from the Trust was received in March.

Wardens' Reports

- No reports.

Rector's Report

- **In-Person Services**
 - As of March 21, the Diocese will allow the individual parishes to decide whether or not to conduct in-person services.
 - Our metric will be that if Stark County is in Yellow or Orange status, we will have in-person services while adhering to responsible distancing practices.
 - When the weather permits, we will use the outdoor chapel.
- **Parishioners**
 - MaryAnn Kiesling and Katie are working on a list of parishioners who didn't come to outdoor services during the summer and don't show up on our streamed services on Facebook. Fr. RJ will contact them to make sure they still feel connected to the parish.
- **Virtual Coffee Hour**
 - Carol suggested that attendance at the virtual coffee hours after the streamed Sunday services may be better attended if the time was moved from 10:30 to 10:00, which is closer to the end of the service.

Parochial Report

- Vestry members were reminded to submit their responses to questions on the Parochial Report about the challenges of operating during the pandemic.

Stewardship Committee and Growth Committee

- The Vestry was encouraged to suggest who would be good members of the Stewardship Committee and the Growth Committee.
- Natural friend-makers would be good for the Growth Committee.
- Those who know where we have been, where we are, and where we are going would be good candidates for the Stewardship Committee.
- The Episcopal Church has tried-and-tested resources that we can obtain to assist the chairs of the two committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13pm with a **motion** by Carol, seconded by Mandy, and approved unanimously.

The next meeting is Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 5:30pm. Mandy volunteered to provide the Reflection and Prayer for the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Violand
Clerk