

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes for April 9, 2019

Attending. The Rev. Anne Kirchmier, Rector; John Whitley, Senior Warden; Chris Robinson, Junior Warden; Jim Shamblen, Treasurer; Cathy Frey; Tonia Graves; Steve Howell; Betsy Jones; Jay Lambiotte; Ann Turner; Mary Gibson Waddill; Bobby Wharton; Allie Wittkamp

Absent. Bill Clock, Register; Fritz Horne

Guests. The Rev. Lorna Williams; David Lilley; Crystal Cyr

1. Opening.

- a. Steve Howell led the opening prayer.
- b. Rev. Kirchmier led the scripture response for Philippians 2:5-11.

2. Parish Discernment Team Report.

David Lilley and Crystal Cyr of the Building Discernment Team provided an update on the discernment process. The team is meeting weekly. None of the submitted ideas has been removed from consideration yet; all ideas are being measured against three criteria: St. Andrew's mission statement; the Being & Becoming goals; and feasibility of implementation. Based on their work thus far, the team recommended that the Vestry accept a request from the Hilton Community Playgroup for an extended building use agreement. The group has been using the basement classrooms and playground since September 2018. This agreement would not preclude the implementation of any of the other ideas submitted. A motion was made and seconded to offer Hilton Community Playgroup a three-year renewable agreement to use St. Andrew's basement to operate, subject to a full written agreement by both parties. The motion carried.

3. General Information.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 12, 2019 Vestry meeting minutes. The motion carried.

4. Reports.

a. Treasurer's Report.

All financial obligations are current, all March bills have been paid, and the St. Andrew's Church Operating Fund account balance was \$52,905.32 at the end of March. The following account balances were current at the end of March:

Account	Balance
American Investment Fund	\$117,715.27
Designated Checking	\$156,669.36
Outreach Trust Fund	\$470,000.62
Perpetual Trust Fund	\$665,075.26

A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 2019 Treasurer's Report. The motion carried.

b. Rector's Reflections.

1. Rev. Kirchmier shared her hope that Vestry members would join her in setting aside day-to-day busyness as much as possible in order to fully participate in and experience Holy Week and Easter.

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2. Virginia Darden contacted Rev. Kirchmier and asked that the Rev. Kathy Gray be included in inviting former clergy to participate in the Whitsunday Celebration of the 100th Anniversary. Although it is not the norm in the Episcopal Church for newly departed clergy to return so soon, Rev. Kirchmier agreed that the 100th Anniversary Celebration was an occasion that warranted an exception to the rule, and Rev. Gray will be included in the invitations.
3. Rev. Kirchmier reminded Vestry members to keep an eye on the budget and expenses in their liaison areas.
4. Since there have been several high profile suicides in the news recently, Rev. Kirchmier shared the Columbia Protocol with the Vestry, providing a handout about this easy to follow process allowing anyone to provide assistance to someone who might be suicidal.
5. Rev. Kirchmier presented each Vestry member with a copy of the book *Canoeing the Mountains* by Tod Bolsinger. Bolsinger will be speaking at a diocesan event for clergy and lay leaders in Midlothian on May 11. Over the next six months the Vestry will read and discuss the book. Vestry members interested in attending the May 11 event should speak to Rev. Kirchmier as soon as possible.

c. Assistant Rector's Reflections.

1. Rev. Williams reported that EYC is going very well. There are eight regular attenders. The two new mentors, Nick Clark and Raven Cadena, are doing a great job. The recent lock-in was a big success and the EYC just filled 500 eggs with candy for the Easter egg hunt. Eight youth are being Confirmed on May 30 at St. John's in Portsmouth.
3. Children's Chapel is going well and Elaine Marshall has joined the leadership team. The nursery has reached the requirement of having two adults present at all times.
4. The Children's Lenten Retreat did not get any sign-ups and wasn't held. Rev. Williams shared that, even though the retreat didn't happen, it was a good opportunity to learn about the challenges faced by families with young children and to begin exploring new ways to reach out to them.
5. Vacation Bible School is still undecided at this time. 55 volunteers are needed and only 28 have committed. A shorter schedule is being considered. A decision will be made soon.
6. Rev. Williams shared that she is hearing from Hilton neighbors how grateful they are to have the St. Andrew's playground open for their children's enjoyment. She is also visiting each week, along with Brad Norris, the Hilton Community Playgroup that meets at St. Andrew's, and took ashes to them on Ash Wednesday.

d. Junior Warden's Reflections.

1. Chris Robinson reported that work is underway on the front entrance improvements. He is meeting with the contractor and all work will be finished before Easter.
2. With warmer weather coming, a playground clean-up will be scheduled.
3. The Safety and Security Team will be re-activated. An initial meeting has been scheduled and Mr. Robinson will report back to the Vestry on that, along with next steps.

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e. Senior Warden's Reflections.

1. John Whitley asked Vestry members to assist with recruiting three new delegates for Diocesan Annual Council. Council will be February 28-29, 2020. Delegates will also be voting in the bishop election on September 21, 2019.

5. Announcements.

The next Vestry meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2019.

6. Adjournment.

The Vestry meeting adjourned at 9 p.m. with Vestry members reciting the Lord's Prayer together.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Turner

Items to be included with the approved Vestry meeting minutes:

1. Vestry meeting agenda for April 9, 2019
2. Treasurer's Report for March 2019
3. March reports for the Rector, Senior Warden, and Junior Warden
4. Team Reports for Communications, Congregational Development, Outreach, Pastoral Care, and Worship