

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes for September 21, 2021

Attending. The Rev. Anne Kirchmier, Rector; Dawn Edquist, Senior Warden; Steve Howell, Junior Warden; Ron Graves, Treasurer; Bill Clock, Register; Margaret Bivins; Matthew Deller; Joel Duregger; Tonia Graves; Isabel Hatchett; David Lilley; Helen Mitchell; Lindsey Nicolai; Allie Wittkamp

Absent. Rev. Marc Vance, Associate Rector; Betsy Jones

1. Opening.

- a. The vestry meeting was conducted remotely via Zoom due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic.
- b. The Rev. Kirchmier led the opening prayer.
- c. The Rev. Kirchmier led the scripture response for Mark 9: 38-50.

2. Rector's Reflections.

- a. The Rev. Kirchmier commented that she had been reading The Most Rev. Michael Curry's book, *Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times*, in which William Temple was quoted, "The Church exists primarily for the sake of those who are still outside it". She further commented that Maura Hampton, who is the founder and president of the "Families in Transition" ministry, was in-need of food donations and discovered a box of food that had been delivered to her office.
 - b. Anne commented on the Heritage High School vigil she attended and said she is hoping to make some connections for Pastoring the City group from people she met at the vigil.
3. A motion was made and seconded to approve the August 17, 2021 vestry meeting minutes. The motion carried.
4. All financial obligations are current, all August bills have been paid, and the St. Andrew's Church Operating Checking Fund balance was \$48,357.56 at the end of August. The following account balances were current at the end of August:

Account	Balance
Designated Checking Account	\$221,017.58
Diocesan Fund	\$736,516.47
Memorial Money Market	\$67,098.44
Outreach Trust Account	\$523,966.39
Perpetual Trust Fund	\$779,602.92

A motion was made and seconded to accept the September 2021 Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion carried.

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Allie Wittkamp discussed the financial gift guidelines. A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial gift guidelines as presented. The motion carried.

5. Dawn Edquist discussed the upcoming Ministry Fair and whether it should be conducted indoors with masks. The vestry indicated they were in favor of conducting the Ministry Fair indoors following the 1030 service. The Rev. Kirchmier commented that she will work with the wardens to schedule a date for the Ministry Fair.
6. Dawn Edquist discussed the following racism questions with input from the vestry; Can racism be actionably addressed in everything? How can leaders of individual/independent worship ministries address racism? Are we reaching out to accept and encourage a diverse group of volunteers? Dawn discussed moving forward on our church goals and an action plan.
7. On October 13, 2021 the vestry voted on-line to adopt the Governance Guiding Calendar.
8. Junior Warden Reflections.
Steve Howell commented on the congregation safely gathering for upcoming church events.
9. Senior Warden Reflections.
Dawn Edquist commented that she had been thinking of the book *Canoeing the Mountains* and the Ministry Fair and how the church is up against the mountains and needs to find a new way to get over the mountains in order to get to the river.
10. The Rev. Anne Kirchmier led a closing prayer and the meeting was closed by the vestry reciting the *Lord's Prayer*.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Clock
Register

Items to be included with the approved vestry meeting minutes:

1. Vestry meeting agenda for September 21, 2021
2. September reports for the Rector, Senior Warden, and Junior Warden
3. September Team Reports for Communications, Congregational Development, Christian Formation, Finance, Outreach, Parish Life, Pastoral Care, Treasurer, and Worship