

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes for June 22, 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; Isabel Hatchett; David Lilley; Helen Mitchell; Lindsey Nicolai

Absent. Rev. Marc Vance, Associate Rector; Rachel Klinger, Youth Representative; Joel Duregger; Tonia Graves; Betsy Jones; Allie Wittkamp

1. Opening.

- a. Matt Deller led the opening prayer.
- b. The Rev. Kirchmier led the scripture response for Corinthians 8: 7-15.

2. Mission and Vision.

Dawn Edquist discussed St. Andrew's mission and vision and asked the vestry to identify action items in order to move forward on 2021 church goals. Ron Graves and Helen Mitchell shared the following action items from the Racism Response Team:

- a. St. Andrew's should reach out and embrace African American churches.
 - b. Conduct a joint vestry meeting with African American churches.
 - c. Conduct a fall pilgrimage to the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture.
 - d. Host an adult forum to discuss St. Andrew's response to racism.
 - e. Start a lending library for books that address racism.
 - f. Host an African American film festival.
 - g. Add a "Response to Racism" tab to the church's website.
 - h. Start a newsletter with short stories of personal experiences with racism.
3. A motion was made and seconded to approve the May 18, 2021 vestry meeting minutes. The motion carried.
4. All financial obligations are current, all May bills have been paid, and the St. Andrew's Church Operating Checking Fund balance was \$100,691.78 at the end of May. The following account balances were current at the end of May:

Account	Balance
American Investment Fund	\$287,764.69
Designated Checking Account	\$218,026.05
Outreach Trust Account	\$505,463.95
Perpetual Trust Fund	\$750,837.51
Temporary Restricted Account	\$289,693.35

The St. Andrew's Church Operating Checking Fund balance was \$100,691.78 at the end of May. This balance reflects a drawdown by check in the amount of \$424,000 to establish the St. Andrew's Diocesan Fund. An account statement for the new fund is not yet available. A motion was made and seconded to accept the June 2021 Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion carried.

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5. Rector's Reflections.

- a. The Rev. Kirchner commented that she had a good vacation and reminded the vestry that she is allowed to be away from the church for six Sundays per year per her letter of agreement with the church. She further commented that she has only been away from the church for only one Sunday this year.
- b. Anne commented that she will be "showing up" to various church events as we continue to regather.
- c. The Rev. Kirchner reminded vestry members to make sure they review each other's liaison reports prior to each vestry meeting so that the vestry can focus on the "big picture" during vestry meetings.
- d. Anne asked the vestry to be sure to read the June Communications liaison report discussing the recording platform. She further commented that she has decided to discontinue use of the recording platform since few parishioners use it and since Sunday service can be viewed via Facebook.
- e. The Rev. Kirchner commented on a corrected error in the June Finance liaison report.
- f. Anne reminded the vestry of the importance of confidentiality of information discussed during vestry meetings.
- g. The Rev. Kirchner discussed an unhappy parishioner.

6. The Rev. Kirchner asked vestry members to share their comments from chapter 5 of the Vestry Resource Guide.

7. Junior Warden Reflections.

Steve Howell commented that cosmetic work will begin soon in order to improve the appearance of the church.

8. Senior Warden Reflections.

Dawn Edquist reminded everyone to exercise patience as the church reopens. She expressed the importance of vestry members participating in church events.

9. The Rev. Anne Kirchner led a closing prayer and the meeting was closed by the vestry reciting the *Lord's Prayer*.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Clock
Register

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Items to be included with the approved vestry meeting minutes:

1. Vestry meeting agenda for June 22, 2021
2. May reports for the Rector, Associate Rector, Senior Warden, and Junior Warden
3. Team Reports for May for Communications, Congregational Development, Christian Formation, Finance, Parish Life, Pastoral Care, Treasurer, and Worship