

# CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL VESTRY MINUTES

April 16th, 2020

## 1. **CALL TO ORDER.**

- a. Present were: Laura Eichenberger; Seth Sizer; Barbara Arthur; Rachel Lamar; Rebecca Smith; James Hawkins, Junior Warden; and Chip Caldwell, Senior Warden. Also, in attendance were Jim Hatley, Treasurer; and Brian J. Henry, Parish Administrator. Father Bodie at 5:35 PM.
- b. Upon declaration that a quorum was in attendance, the meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.

## 2. **OPENING PRAYER & DEVOTIONAL.** Seth Sizer.

## 3. **CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL.** The Senior Warden opened the Consent Agenda (Appendix C) and solicited requests to move any items to Old Business, New Business, or Other Business. Hearing none, the Consent Agenda was approved without objection.

## 4. **OLD BUSINESS.** None.

## 5. **NEW BUSINESS.**

- a. Finance Report:
  - i. Income – Pledges at greater than budget, but 8 pledgers did not contribute in March. Non-pledge giving is down.
  - ii. Expenses – Expenses remain at pre-COVID 19 levels. Brainstorm – Ideas on reducing, eliminating, delaying certain expenses? –James
  - iii. Note: COVID-19 Federal Payroll Protection Grant Requested. (Appendix D)  
Seth requested that the vestry be given continuous updates on the status of the grant.
- b. COVID-19 Projections & Christ Church Response (Appendix E)  
*Better to be over-prepared vs. Caught by Surprise*  
BIG questions for the Vestry, Outreach, & Parish Life:
  - i. What response should we be prepared for?
  - ii. Who should lead developing (any) preparations?
  - iii. At this time, Christ Church communications are dangerously siloed into our various “communities”. That is, Outreach supports their own community; Parish Life has their own “community”; Adult Ed has their own “community”; “11:30 Sunday Hospitality” is separated. Unlike during normal times, inadequate vehicles exist to tie these various constituencies together. Therefore, what ideas does the Vestry have to create unifying and cross-community communications so we can support our parishioners who experience COVID-19 complexities?

-Responses from Parish Life and Outreach were shared. Discussed was how to be prepared if a parishioner passes away during this time of social distancing.

## 6. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

- a. “Virtual Christ Church” thoughts & ideas Thanks was extended to Fr. Bodie and Chip for taping services and posting them online, as well as some appreciation for the Virtual Hospitality Hour.

**7. FUTURE NEW BUSINESS AGENDA.**

- a. 2020 Vestry Meeting calendar. FYI only (Appendix Y.)
- b. Search Committee update at a May Vestry meeting. FYI.

**8. COMMITMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING.**

- a. No other commitments were made during this meeting. An informal status meeting will be held on May 7th.

**9. CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT SUGGESTIONS.** Appendix Z. Email suggestions.

**10. CLOSING PRAYER.** Seth Sizer.

**11. ADJOURNMENT.** Motion made to adjourn, upon second, motion passed to adjourn at 6:38PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brian J. Henry