

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Denver
Vestry Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2020
6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Via Zoom

Our Vision

The tree of life is growing here.

Our Mission

We are called

To offer sanctuary in the city

To grow in God's love

To seek the renewal of the world

Participants:

- Vestry: Toni Amicarella; Ken Backensto; Kathleen Beatty; Jim Fittz; Kathy Fleming; Reese Jameson, Junior Warden; Roger Kilgore, Senior Warden; Connie Klein; Frank Nowell; Shawn Nowlan; Elizabeth Randall, Rector; Janice Woodward
- Other: Nina Churchman, Assisting Priest; Zoe Cole, Children's Minister; Wib Garfield, Deacon; Tim Krueger, Choirmaster; Bob Mosher, Treasurer; Elizabeth Rohrbough, Clerk

Opening Meditation. Elizabeth led us in a meditation on a poem entitled "Let Evening Come" by Jane Kenyon.

Announcements and Appreciations. Reese has a May birthday. Appreciation to those behind our virtual worship. Thanks to Nina, Tim, Wib, and Zoe for their reports.

Ongoing Business

- **Approval of Minutes.** A motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2020 meeting was approved unanimously.
- **Acceptance of Financial Statements.** Cash flow is okay, and we are still in great shape financially. We have received \$15,000 worth of donations through the website (though we are paying 2.6 percent in fees on those donations). A motion to accept the April financial statements was approved unanimously.

- **Update on Paycheck Protection Program Loan.** We received the \$69,000 loan and have used \$13,609 of those funds on mortgage interest, utilities, and payroll). June 20 will be the last day of the 8 week-period; the bank will have the final say in the forgiveness process. Bob will create a report to the congregation.
- **Report from Junior Warden.** The graffiti is gone. The trash bin has been overflowing, but Reese was able to talk Waste Management into a complimentary pick-up.

Community Building and Fundraising

- **Capital campaign update.** The committee has met and will meet again.
- **Stewardship “home” gatherings.** One was held on May 3; others will be held on May 18 and 20.
- **Mission and Outreach disbursement recommendations.** A motion to disburse \$8,000 as follows was approved unanimously: \$2000 to Metro Caring; \$2000 to CHARG; \$2000 to Family Promise; and \$2000 to Irving Street Residence for Women.
- **Coffee Hour Hosting by Zoom.** Roger has been hosting the virtual coffee hour following the Sunday morning service. Additional vestry volunteers are needed. Jim Fittz volunteered to help.

Other Topics

- **Spring retreat follow-up.**
 - Elizabeth summarized our work at the vestry retreat, including:
 - our breakout sessions on children and youth, social justice, environmental impact, and mission and outreach,
 - our discussions about parking and the tension between being a destination church but also a downtown church.
 - our brainstorming sessions concerning future uses of the parking lot, including, in addition to the housing projects we have envisioned, possibilities such as an arts venue, an urban garden, or just selling it.
 - Roger explained the background and context behind the issues involved in Building Our Vision using a power point presentation.

- **Transition to in-person worship.** The number of people in the church is not going to change anytime soon; we may not be able to gather for communion before there is a vaccine. But our broadcast services are going well, and we are hoping to improve our platform and our internet capabilities.
- **Possible fall retreat dates.** October 16-17 or 23-24.

Deferred Topics

- **Development of a policy manual and policy reviews**
- **WiFi in the parish house and internet in the church – funding**

The meeting closed with prayer.

Next vestry meeting: June 9.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Rohrbough, Clerk