

Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist
Vestry Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Julie Bliss, Brad Bollmann, Pamela Glennon, Vickie Richmond Hawkins, Travis Jensen, Tyler McCormick, Steve Miller, Georgia Moen, Patti Schaal, and Dixie Terrell Wilhite

Members Absent: Tom Gallant

Attendance by Others (from Vestry Meeting Opening until excusal for attendance of the first meeting of the Search Committee of the Vestry): Mother Meredyth Albright and Search Committee Members [including Jim Bliss, Greg Lamansky, Marsha Meurette, Shelley Miller, Laura Ramsey, Patti Schaal, Margy Stahr, and Jacob Veldhuizen (but not including Tom Gallant)]

1. Vickie opened the meeting and led us in Opening Prayer (which was the Transition Prayer drafted by Ron Alexander).
2. General discussion and open participation concerning some of the attendees' identifications of the "Spirit at work in your world" during the previous month.
3. Motion to accept the July 17, 2018 Agenda as circulated by Vickie was made, seconded, and passed unanimously and without abstention.
4. Following introductory comments from Vickie as Senior Warden and Mother Meredyth as Transition Officer, the Search Committee of the Vestry was charged with its Mandate.
5. Mother Meredyth and the Search Committee of the Vestry excepting Patti were then excused to conduct their first meeting. The Vestry (quorum present) continued the Vestry Meeting.
6. It was noted that the June 19, 2018 Vestry Meeting Minutes as circulated by Patti had already been approved via electronic communications by all Vestry Members.
7. Vickie advised that long term supply pastor Father Peter Irvine had requested for St. John to direct his compensation for leading worship services at St. John to the Order of St. Julian of Norwich and noted that the prevailing Diocesan rate for leading a single service is \$120 and for leading two services on the same day is \$175. Vickie made a motion, seconded by Steve, to deem the Order of St. Julian of Norwich to be a new Outreach Mission for St. John and to make the first such payment to the Order on or about October 1, 2018, after Father Peter had led worship services as contemplated during the months of July, August, and September. Such motion passed unanimously and without abstention.
8. Patti was then excused to join the first meeting of the Search Committee of the Vestry. The remaining members of the Vestry (quorum present) continued the Vestry Meeting.
9. Vickie noted that Evening Prayer services, without Eucharist, in the Chapel would continue through September 2018.

10. Vickie spoke to the need for more participation by and/or delegation to Parish Members in the performance of tasks around St. John, such as laundering of acolyte vestments, gardening in the Courtyard, assisting in Church School operations (to be led by Jason Chan), and serving in the oversight of St. John's investments maintained at Wood Trust.
11. As an update concerning security issues, Steve reported that a new lock on the Office door, two panic buttons, and a smoke detector in the Sanctuary near the organ's keyboard had all been installed.
12. As an update concerning pest control issues, Steve reported that, of late, no mice had been sighted and that only one bat had been sighted outside the buildings.
13. As an update concerning building and grounds issues, Steve advised that he had scheduled a meeting with Krause Konstruktion on July 18, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. and encouraged others to attend such meeting, in order to discuss the state of all existing roofing as well as any repair that could properly address the deterioration of portions of the cement and carpeting on the exterior steps leading to the Sanctuary door.
14. Vickie introduced the concept of adding exercises from "Dwelling in the Word" by Dwight Zscheile (as was explored at the most recent Diocesan Spring Conference) at future Vestry Meetings as well as of designating a table at future Coffee Hours for "Dwelling in the Word" discussions. Pamela volunteered to select the Bible passage to be utilized at the next Vestry Meeting.
15. After a discussion of scheduling concerns and potential dates, it was determined that a meeting with Father Peter would be requested for August 26, 2018, following Sunday services as might be most convenient, in order to seek Father Peter's spiritual advice and ministry to the Vestry.
16. Concerning Education and Formation, noting again that Jason Chan has agreed to lead the Church School ministry, Vickie requested that members give further consideration to appropriate Parish Members to lead Wednesday book study and Sunday adult education.
17. Motion to accept the June 2018 and 2nd Quarter 2018 Treasurer's Reports as circulated by Treasurer Bev Royer was made, seconded, and passed unanimously and without abstention.
18. Observing that the expected income from pledged and non-pledged giving was behind 2017 levels but that the expense associated with the full-time Rector Package was significantly lower than budgeted, Vickie noted that the Vestry will continue to watch and monitor finance trends.
19. It was mentioned that sound system expenses incurred during the present operating year might properly be allocated to the Memorial Fund, and such topic will be investigated in consultation with the Treasurer.
20. Concerning Outreach and Evangelism, it was noted that the number of guests at the monthly Outreach Luncheon has risen from approximately 30 to approximately 40, and there was suggestion that a meeting/presentation might be offered to better inform the Parish about the Outreach Luncheon ministry.

21. More generally, an inaugural "Involvement Fair" was also suggested as a means by which to more completely introduce the Parish to the range of volunteer opportunities at St. John and to invite broader participation and outreach.
22. Travis reported that the Mission Team is currently engaged in more fully exploring its own identity going forward, after Father David's retirement and Joe Thompson's moving out of town. Among other events and efforts, the Mission Team is considering St. John's participation in the Downtown Churches picnic at the 400 Block on September 5, 2018, in Stations of the Cross, in a coffee service for and listening to residents at The Landmark, in a Food Drive and/or Hygiene Product Drive, in the Sunshine Fund at the Mint Café, and in the reinstatement of St. John's distribution of voucher cards, perhaps at the Downtown Mission Church. Travis made a motion to reinstate St. John's distribution of voucher cards via the Downtown Mission Church, but such motion was tabled for further details and discussion at the next Vestry Meeting to be held in August.
23. Concerning Stewardship, it was noted that a stewardship drive will be planned for this fall, and there was some discussion about including Stewardship within the potential "Involvement Fair."
24. Concerning the Brat Fry ministry, it was noted that Doug Aziz and others intend to run same again this year. A new canopy has been purchased for use in conjunction with Brat Fry events.
25. In response to some visitors' use of the Courtyard for smoking cigarettes, it was suggested that we consider signage reading with something to the effect of "We appreciate your respecting the serenity of this courtyard by not smoking."
26. Vickie shared her recent discovery of "breath prayers," through which one might ask God to "Make me a blessing..."
27. Motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed unanimously without abstention.

The next Vestry Meeting will be held on August 21, 2018.

-- Respectfully submitted, Brad Bollmann