

Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church
May 2022 Vestry Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 11, 2022, 7:00 PM
(revised to add item #10)

Attendees: Steve Anderson, Lisa Bailey, Kenneth Blankenship, Rita Compton, Stacy Coughlin, Laura Hall, Erinn Monette, Kent Thompson, Davis Woods, Father Jeff, Father Christian, and Cynthia Carpenter.

1. Devotional time was led by Kenneth Blankenship
 - Devotional assignments for remainder of 2022: June-Hall, Aug-Woods, Sep-Anderson, Oct-Bailey, Nov-Monette.
2. April 6, 2022, Vestry Minutes approved unanimously.
3. Financial Review. Monthly and Annual PNL was reviewed. It was noted that expenses exceeded revenue the last month and we need to keep a close eye on that going forward.
4. Approval of Outreach Donations. Fr Marx discussed the issues he faces weekly to help those in need. It was approved to continue Kroger Card distributions.
5. Update on Transept Window. Continuing conversation on all options: type of glass, cost, vendors, etc. Fr. Marx is committed to getting this decision right and not in hurry for final decision. Much more discussion and homework to be done.
6. Discussion on how to bring the parish back together to be more active again—events, etc. Broad discussion on what might help this issue. No final resolution, but several ideas mentioned, including the June 9 dinner in parish hall prior to the Collierville Square Concert in the Park that night at 7pm. Anticipating 20-30 members to attend.
7. Further discussion of Vestry goals for 2022. Fr. Marx requested update on individual member goals. Several offered their goal status. Davis Woods discussed at length his goal of improving social media efforts and improving current website. He asked for and received unanimous vote for the expenditure of \$500 to secure an outside consultant to assist in these efforts with the understanding that he may ask for a higher dollar amount as needed.
8. Building and Grounds Update. Jr Warden Blankenship discussed the problem with current alarm system intermittently sounding. The problem is being evaluated, and a new vendor is being hired to get the alarm system problem fixed as soon as possible.

9. Other Business. Fr. Marx discussed the duties of the Senior and Junior Wardens and the undue burden sometimes placed on the Junior Warden in maintaining “all things building and grounds.” He proposed adding a Sexton or group of volunteers to be on call to help with building and grounds issues as they arise to keep one person (Jr. Warden) from being saddled with everything. He also stated the Church Bylaws may need to be amended to accommodate this. He proposed discussion and vote at the next Vestry meeting June 8.

10. Other Business. Fr. Marx presented a draft Pastoral Letter to be shared with all members of the Parish regarding the leaked information from the Supreme Court of the United States of America pertaining to the potential reversal of Roe vs. Wade abortion rights issue. A unanimous vote of the Vestry members passed in support of the release of the Pastoral Letter.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM.

Next Vestry Meeting is June 8, 2022 @ 7PM.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Ascension Day Service: Thursday, May 26 at 9AM.

Memorial Day: May 30, Church closed.

Day of Pentecost: June 4-5 (resume having Processional and Offertory/presentation)

Lite Parish Dinner: Thursday June 9 at 6PM, followed by Concert on the Square at 7PM.