

**Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church**  
**August 2020**  
**Vestry Meeting Agenda**  
**Wednesday, August 12, at 7:00 PM**

Attendees: Gina Hardin, Rita Compton, Cynthia Carpenter, Kent Thompson, Field Norris, Rachel Stolze, John Russell, Stacy Coughlin, Father Jeff, Father Christian, Jenny Cordell, and Mary Walton Allen

1) Opening devotional – Field Norris

- September, Joe Lee Rape
- October, John Russell
- November, Kent Thompson

2) Approval of minutes from the June 24th vestry meeting

- Approved by all

3) Financial review & discussion

- Fifth month of coronavirus, but good news is our reserve is more than our remaining budget
- YTD looks good

4) Discussion of how re-opening is going

- We're keeping an eye on attendance and maintaining spacing; use of masks is 100%.
- Father Jeff and Father Christian will make sure to be aware and take responsibility for announcing when we have too many and need to move to parish hall
- Last two weeks we've been around 115, had been as low as 80
- Potential to consider doing services outside in the Fall

5) Discussion of current project to improve our online presence

- John and a group exploring options, video option for a church our size is an iPhone or iPad
- Online content Father Jeff and Father Christian are creating is really good
- Identified Church Solutions website software that is easy to use, not super expensive and really connects with our app
  - Biggest benefit is it will be easier to change than current website
  - Tom is researching a video camera that is not really expensive that can be controlled by an iPhone or iPad and can sit on a tripod. This would wirelessly stream to Facebook, YouTube, etc.
- Tom is working on an extender for wireless because signal drops sometimes and need it to be stronger for video
  - Comcast tech is coming out Friday to look at the service
- Father Jeff said daily online viewing is between 90 – 140 and the services have around 200 viewers

## 6) Discussion of ways to do more and better in-reach

- Since we can't really get people together, Rachel is going to take on calling people in the parish
- Father Jeff and Rachel will discuss topics to touch on during the conversations
- EYC is still going on, but Jill is resigning this month; Julie is staying on. Average youth minister lasts 3 months, they have been doing it for 12 years
  - Christian will take it on
- Our choirmaster Jeremy Warner is leaving
  - He is going to Germany after Sept 6, returning in December
  - In 2021 he may be gone for 6 months
  - Need to consider whether we should continue the position, as he was hired as a choir director and we don't have a choir (not to mention the frequent traveling)
  - May want to find someone who can cantor, and we can supplement with choir members
  - Father Jeff got consensus from the Vestry how to proceed
  - Father Jeff will talk to Jeremy this weekend, and then we can determine how to move forward
- Need to look hard to find 3 Vestry candidates to fill the roles of the 3 members who are rolling off; asked everyone to prayerfully consider strong options
  - John Russell, Mary Walton Allen, and Gina Harden will serve as nominating committee

## 7) Other Business

- None

Meeting adjourned.

### **Calendar Note:**

The annual church picnic is scheduled for Sunday, Oct 11, at Cox Park after the last service.