

Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2022

Attendees: Steve Anderson, Laura Hall, Erinn Monette, Lisa Bailey, Kent Thompson, Davis Woods, Rita Compton, Stacy Coughlin, Ken Blankenship, John Russell (Treasurer), Martha Lendermon (Financial Secretary), Cynthia Carpenter (Parish Administrator), Fr. Marx, and Fr. Senyoni

1. Devotional time led by Steve Anderson – a reading from *The Will of God*.
 - a. Devotional assignments for remainder of year: Oct-**Bailey**; Nov-**Monette**
2. August Vestry Minutes approved unanimously.
3. Monthly and Annual P&L and Balance Sheet review conducted by Martha Lendermon.
 - a. Although August contributions were slightly lower than budget, the annual remains better than budget.
4. Vestry nominating committee reported that 10 potential candidates have been contacted about serving. Ultimately, they will have three nominees.
5. 5 delegates and 2 alternates are needed for the Diocesan Convention Nov 18–19. To date, we have 4 delegates and still need one more, plus a couple alternates.
6. Father Marx provided a job description for the Sexton position and reviewed it. Discussion on various aspects, including compensation. Securing the position and posting is moving forward.
7. Father Marx brought up the potential of widespread food shortages and security issues.
 - a. Members discussed the various ways to support parish members during a food shortage.

- b. Kent Thompson gave a brief synopsis of the recent security meeting with Lt. Herring, Collierville Police Dept., attended by approximately 20 parish members.
 - c. Father Marx proposed instituting a Safety Committee. Its purpose would be to provide oversight of injury, health, fire, etc. of parish members while on property.
8. Buildings and Grounds Update
 - a. Kiser's quote for a new red carpet runner in the sanctuary was accepted by unanimous vote.
 - b. Regarding the transept window project, it has been decided to not go with the window and associated expense, but rather to just plaster and paint over.
9. The only Vestry goal for 2022 discussed was the reinstating of the monthly parish dinners by Rita Compton and Stacy Coughlin.
10. Other Business: Brief discussion of the Collierville Literacy Council by Davis Woods. Motion made and approved to provide \$5000 contribution.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

- Parish lunch and outdoor time in Tom Brooks Park after church on Sept 25
- First-Wednesday Dinner & Devotional on Oct 5, at 6:00 PM in parish hall
- No Youth Sunday school or Children's Church on Oct 9, beginning of Fall Break
- Fall Break for Collierville schools Oct 10–14
- Next Vestry Meeting: Oct 12, 7 PM
- Diocesan Event, Harvest Eucharist & Luncheon, at Immanuel Church in LaGrange on Saturday, Oct 22 – registration required (see bulletin announcement)
- Diocesan DOK Assembly at Saint Andrew's Oct 29, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- Pre-Advent Retreat Sunday, Nov 13, with lunch, retreat lasting until 5 pm
- Diocesan Convention at Holy Communion on Fri-Sat, Nov 18–19
- Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist on Thursday, Nov 24
- Saint Andrew's Night on Wednesday, Nov 30, at the VFW