

St. Anne's Episcopal Church  
Draft Minutes- Vestry Meeting  
10/23/2022

Present in person: The Very Rev. Ginny Wilder, Rector; Darryl Hammill; Stan Meiburg; Donna Williams; Corinne Groves; Bart Trescott; Bob Poehling; Bob Hoover, Treasurer;  
Absent: Erik Ekstrand; Carmen Caruth; Alvie Dove-Ali

Ginny opened with prayer

Check-in and Discussion of article: A Small Church Capital Campaign

<https://www.ecfvp.org/vestry-papers/article/632/a-small-church-capital-campaign-experience>

Take Aways:

- Having some money to start off with will perhaps make people more compelled to give
- Consultants help drive the campaign. One goal for “our” consultant would be to change the view of capital campaign based on the failed attempt years prior.
- Make sure everyone feels included; no amount is too small, everything adds up.
- Could Martha Murphy come speak objectively to the current vestry about what went so wrong with the last capital campaign?

Information/discussion/action

1. Announcement of Senior Warden appointment
  - a. Stan Meiburg has agreed to be Senior Warden
2. Electing our Junior Warden
  - a. Carmen Caruth expressed to Ginny interest in the position and Ginny felt she would be a good fit.
  - b. **Bob moved that Carmen become the Junior Warden. Bart seconded, the motion was approved by consensus.**
3. Appointing Committee Liasons
  - a. Vestry members will attend committee meetings and be the mouthpiece of the committee to the vestry and from the vestry to the committee.
  - b. A written report from the committee meeting will be due to Carmen prior to the monthly vestry meeting.
    - Stewardship-Ginny Wilder
    - Outreach- Carmen Caruth
    - Technology- Darryl Hammill
    - Formation- Corinne Groves
    - Bread & Blessings- Donna Williams
    - Liturgy- Bob Poehling
    - Finance- Stan Meiburg
    - Building and Grounds- Bart Trescott
    - Pastoral Care- Eric Ekstrand
    - Welcome/Community Outreach-Alvie Dove-Ali

#### 4. Dividing the Directory/Contacts List

- a. Vestry members will reach out to their list of parishioners at least once every quarter; invite them to an event, check in, etc.
- b. Lists are directly from the online Parish Directory
  - Page 1-Darryl Hammill
  - Page 2- Bart Trescott
  - Page 3- Corinne Groves
  - Page 4- Alvie Dove-Ali
  - Page 5- Donna Williams
  - Page 6- Bob Poehling
  - Page 7- Stan Meiburg
  - Page 8-Eric Ekstrand
  - Entire Directory at some point in the year-Carmen Caruth

#### 5. COVID-19 Phase 4 Guidelines

- a. Ginny wanted to discuss “the big 3”
  - i. Passing the offering plate again.
  - ii. Kneeling at the alter rail for communion.
  - iii. Drinking from/having a common cup for communion.
- b. Ginny pointed out that anyone is of course welcome to still mask if that is what they feel is best for them, but social distancing is no longer a requirement from the bishop, nor the CDC.
- c. Bob was concerned that returning to the alter would lengthen an already lengthy service.
- d. Corinne noted that the Eucharist is the last part of the liturgy that needs to be shorten, but there could be changes elsewhere in the service.
- e. Bart agreed that time to center oneself at the altar, and be at God’s Table is an important aspect that has been missing during the pandemic.
- f. Stan agreed with Corinne and Bart that the alter rail communion would be a welcomed return to the service.
- g. Bart expressed that some masked folks would not be comfortable with a common cup for drinking and intinction.
- h. Ginny reminded everyone that communion of one form is complete communion and folks could opt out of having wine altogether.
- i. Darryl said that if anyone was upset about a common cup, we would hear about it pretty quickly and we could make necessary changes.
- j. Corinne said that passing the plate as a child felt important and like she was apart of something, and her own children used to feel the same way.
- k. Bob noted that passing a collection plate will probably get more into the plate.
- l. Stan agreed.
- m. Overall, the vestry agreed on “the big 3” changes to the service in the next phase of the COVID-19 pandemic.

6. Treasurer Report-Bob Hoover
  - a. Bob passed out the September Budget Report and the projected report for 2023.
  - b. Clarification was asked by Darryl and Stan. Bob was able to explain and account for discrepancies noted by both Darryl and Stan.
  - c. Expense of alarm system, one time large sum, upkeep fees not enough to note separately.
  - d. Cost of consultant for capital campaign included in budget.
7. Vote on Preliminary Budget for 2023
  - a. Agreed that Bob needed to make the changes to the monthly totals for the budget, but vestry would vote on the approval of the FULL CALENDAR BUDGET.
  - b. **Stan moved to approve the 2023 budget for the full calendar year. Corinne seconded, the motion was approved by consensus with the stipulation that the monthly totals would be adjusted by Bob Hoover.**
8. Discussion and vote on Vestry Clerk
  - a. Ginny stated that Chris and Laura Pallavicini approached her about becoming the clerks.
  - b. Chris works from home and has a period of time when he would be too busy to attend meetings at which point Laura would happily step in as his replacement.
  - c. Stan and Darryl noted that already having a substitute would be excellent.
  - d. **Bob Poehling moved to approve Chris and Laura as the new vestry clerks. Stan seconded, the motion was approved by consensus.**
9. Funding of Consultants for Capital Campaign
  - a. Ginny had a thought that the parish could use the money currently in an undesignated trust, (not the Betty Webb Moore Trust) to pay for the initial expense of a consultant.
  - b. Currently the trust is not making money, but is on a trend of losing money
  - c. Rather than take the chance of losing more money, why not put that money toward the cost of a consultant.
  - d. Bob Poehling questioned taking that money, and instead having it as back up for monthly expenses that went over budget.
  - e. Stan noted that since it's losing value, that leaving it in the trust would not guarantee that it would be there for back up much longer.
  - f. Bob Hoover checked the report for September/October and concluded that the numbers Ginny was showing was the most up-to-date numbers.
  - g. Bob Hoover noted that approx. \$50,000 had been reduced to \$42,000 over a period of time. There would be the loss of taking that money out of trust, but also no promise of it "making back" what was lost.
  - h. **Donna moved to approve the use of the undesignated trust funds to fund a consultant from Core. Darryl seconded, the motion was approved by consensus.**
10. Approval of September Minutes
  - a. It was decided to accept the minutes as they were due to limited vestry members present who attended the September meeting.

Upcoming items of importance

Neighborhood Bridge Building: Trunk or Treat at St. Anne's on  
October 30 th from 4pm-6pm.

- i. There will be a sign up sheet
- ii. The Youth Group will be helping and providing activities
- iii. We will have a Halloween Costume blessing at the service that day!

Stewardship Ingathering Sunday, November 6th

Diocesan Convention November 18-19

November Vestry Meeting November 20th following the 11am service.

Closing prayer by The Very Rev. Ginny Wilder