

Vestry Meeting Minutes for December 16, 2021

Next meeting: January 20, 2022

Members Attending: Megan Bartlett, Julie Daye, Jaime Konowal, Koshy Mathews, Candace Roberts, Jim Ufheil
Absent: Barbara Chilcott, Nils VanAmmers, Jerry Walker, Amy Grant, Bob Jenkins,
Guests: None
Virtual Meeting on Zoom

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Opening Prayer		Koshy
Consent Agenda		Approved.
Jerry Walker Resignation	Candy reported that she had received an email from Jerry Walker resigning from the Vestry due to health reasons.	
Reinstating use of the Common Cup	Koshy noted that the vestry decided by email to offer the common cup for Christmas Eve. It was decided not to use individual cups due to the expense and work involved in cleaning them.	
Fellowship after Christmas Eve Service	Christine Pickup agreed to organize fellowship after Christmas Eve. There was discussion about the safety of having fellowship as people must take off their masks to eat. As there will be a lot of visitors, it will hard to know the vaccination status of everyone. We agreed to cancel the Christmas Eve fellowship.	
Vestry Christmas Party in Rectory	Koshy cancelled the Vestry Christmas party due to uncertainly regarding the omicron variant.	
Koshy's Vacation	Koshy and Susan will be going to India on Christmas Day, returning February 6, 2022. He will be gone 7 Sundays. Supply clergy and Morning Prayer arrangements have been made. Christine McBride has this information. Pastoral emergencies should be referred to Jaime. Bulletins - Hymn selection has already been given to Chris; Cathy Ufheil will proof bulletins.	
Lessons and Carols on December 19th	Hymns have been chosen by members of the congregation and 6 non-lectors have been asked to do the readings.	
Christmas Donations	There is \$2000 in the budget for year-end outreach. It was decided to ask for donations at the Christmas Eve service for recent tornado victims through Episcopal Relief and Development. If the plate is less than \$600, then Gloria Dei will will make up the difference. The balance will be divided equally between Episcopal Community Services and the Broad Street Ministry.	Motion passed unanimously
2022 Budget	No discussion.	Motion passed unanimously
Second Healing Session	Megan has been working with Rev. Barbara Abbott to plan the second healing service. It is scheduled for January 23rd, after church in Riverside Hall and on Zoom. Barbara will also be preaching at the 10:00 AM service. These plans are tentative as we do not know what the Covid protocols will be at that time.	

<p>2022 Budget and-FCGD/Wedding Chapel Business (“Business Plan”)</p>	<p>Amy Liberi will be resigning as the Business Plan manager as she has taken another job. She and Amy Grant are currently working to set up the digital infrastructure for the project and she will continue working with Amy for 10 hours a week until 1/31/22.</p> <p>The vestry discussed proposed names for the Business Plan - “Riverside Chapel at Gloria Dei” and “The Riverside Chapel at Gloria Dei”. Julie suggested “Weddings at Old Swedes” since the name “Old Swedes” is already well known in the area. She also questioned the use of the word “chapel” since we are not actually offering a chapel but a church. Jim suggested that we doing some market research on the two names.</p> <p>Candy also noted that the diocese requires that an officiant from the Episcopal, Lutheran or Methodist church be present at all wedding ceremonies, although they do not have to officiate. \$200 minimum for their presence will be added as an option to the levels of priest/minister involvement. (See December 2021 Business Plan Report in Packet.) The additional cost will be passed through to the customer.</p>	<p>Candy will look for a company to do the marketing research.</p>
<p>Profile Committee</p>	<p>Candy reported that the Profile Committee had discussed what questions should be used for interviews with small groups of parishioners. Rev. Barbara Abbott recommended that the questions help parishioners identify 3 skills and 3 attributes they want in a new pastor. Interviews will be started after the second healing session that will be led by Barbara.</p>	
<p>2022 Pledge Update</p>	<p>21 pledges for a total of \$39,024. Included in that number is people who give automatically on Tithely or by check.</p> <p>Going forward the list of people who have pledged will be confidential to the treasurer and the church administrator. Individuals will not be contacted regarding their pledge, but general announcements will be made as needed.</p>	
<p>Communications Committee Report</p>	<p>Jaime reported that the Communications Committee proposed that the weekly newsletter change to a monthly newsletter in 2022 as Covid restrictions have loosened considerably and we see each other more. Vestry agreed.</p> <p>Publishing a magazine about events at Gloria Dei periodically is also being discussed.</p>	
<p>YCCA Rent</p>	<p>Deferred until next month.</p>	<p>Jaime will contact Lisa Reeves</p>
<p>Closing Prayer</p>		<p>Megan</p>