

Vestry Meeting March 9, 2022

Present: Karen Hahn, Kathy Kerber, Jay Snider, Rev. June Hardy Dorsey, Bill Hebble, Amy Kellogg, Karen Wells, Mark Skladan, Judi Hudnutt

Excused: Hans VanWormer, Myki VanWormer

Guest and Treasurer: Doug Skladan

Worship conducted by Rev. June Hardy Dorsey

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm by Rev. June Hardy Dorsey

Karen Wells moved to receive the minutes of February 9 and January 23 with correction, seconded by Jay Snider; motion carried and minutes were received.

Treasurer's Report-Doug Skladan

Doug reviewed the Statement of Revenue and Expenses and Statement of Financial Position.

Pam Hahn will work with Jean Hays as money counter replacing Ellen Otis. Bill Hebble moved to receive the reports for audit. Seconded by Judi Hudnutt, motion carries. Audit will take place March 26, 2022 at 10 am.

Rector's Report-Rev. June Hardy Dorsey

Organizational chart has been updated to reflect new commission structure. The mask mandate will be lifted for in person worship and gatherings. Food preparers will continue to mask. Discussing with the CDC Commission about reinstating coffee hour.

Senior Warden Report-Amy Kellogg

Sabbatical application is in process. Discussing scheduling a parish retreat at Bellwether.

Guardians game June 10, 2022. It is dollar dog night with fireworks. Seats are going to be in the upper deck. Amy will call and reserve the tickets.

Carillon-May need to consider replacing the mechanical/electronic parts

Junior Warden Report-Hans Vanwormer

Report was sent via email due to his excused absence

Worship Commission Report-Mark Skladan

Matthew VanWormer has resigned as acolyte director. Mark Skladan is currently scheduling the acolytes.

Possibility of livestreaming the services via Zoom, Facebook or YouTube

Joan VanWormer has started a children's choir and still working on regathering the adult choir

Suggestion to bring back the "children's corner" at the back of the church

Put offering envelopes and pencils on back of pews

Congregational Development Commission Report-Emailed report from Greg Hebble

Advocacy Report-Karen Wells

Is campus ministry through LCCC still an option? Karen attended Gather-Town, a web conferencing app. People are assigned avatars and enter a room to play games. Avatars are racially inclusive.

Old Business-none

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New Business

Mark Skladan moved that any expenditure in excess of \$750 must be approved by Vestry prior to such expenditure unless (a) it is an emergency and such expenditure has been approved by a joint decision of the Senior Warden and Junior Warden, or (b) such expenditure involves a payment pursuant to a maintenance or service contract, utility bills, insurance premiums, wages, employment taxes, or other similar standing payments owed by the church, or (c) as permitted pursuant to the approved budget, seconded by Amy Kellogg; motion passed.

Judi Hudnutt moved to transfer \$8934 from the JIF Youth Ministry Fund to Huntington account 20150 to provide funds for Director of Youth Ministry wages as stated in the 2022 budget, seconded by Mark Skladan. Motion passed.

Open Discussion

Who will take over acolyte training? Mark Skladan has scheduled an experienced acolyte with those less experienced. Acknowledge Matthew VanWormer's work with the acolytes. Jesse will get a card and current acolytes will sign.

June encouraged us to find a way to connect with Lent.

Karen Hahn asked how we can help the people of Ukraine. June said we are still discerning how to best to help.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm

Next meeting is April 13, 2022 at 7 pm on Zoom

Respectfully submitted,
Judi Hudnutt, Acting Clerk

Rector's Report to Vestry

3-9-2022

Worship

Lent began on March 2, Ash Wednesday. St. Andrew's offered 1 in person service at noon (23 in attendance) and a Zoom service at 7 pm (21 in attendance.) Lenten Theme is Full to the Brim: an Expansive Lent. Lenten Devotional Guides were printed in house and picked up by those attending in person worship and others able to come to the building. Requests for deliver or mail are being received and fulfilled. Lenten Prayer Cards are a tool to provide a daily thought and prayer. People were encouraged to use and share them. Reports are coming in about how they were shared this week.

Lenten Worship opportunities every day except Fri. and Sat. with a Zoom Bible Study on Thursdays at 7:30 pm. The Bible study will include a visio divina experience based on the lectio divina practice where repetition, reflection and response form the framework of the study.

Worship Commission met to discuss Holy Week and Easter. (Mark Skladan, Worship Commission Chair will report.)

Ben Holcomb will preach on the second Sunday of Feb. and March. Youth Sunday is being planned for May 8. Youth will lead the 11 am service, including the sermon. Children's Choir will sing on March 13.

Grant Project Updates

1. LCCC Grant from Diocese of Ohio- received full grant of \$9000+, focus of project is narrowing to Middle School Day Camp (with a better name) for two weeks in the summer, the Day Camp themes will be around wellness in mind and body- including movement, mindfulness, nutrition, playfulness and relationships. LCCC has jumped in with terrific support and we are working with faculty and staff in designing this program. Dates are June 14 - 17 and June 21-24 (Fridays are Field Trip Fridays going to Bellwether Farm and LCCC.) We are "marketing" to groups that we already have relationships with but are open to other ways of getting the word out. Camp registration is \$40 for both weeks and partial and full scholarships are available.
2. Diocese of Ohio Grant from ECS- We received the full amount and are scheduling the first set of dialogues (in conjunction with three other churches, two of which are predominantly African American) for after Easter. These will be on Zoom and the configuration is such that we may be able to have a second set in the summer or fall. (By partnering with three other churches, the group size from each church is smaller and we can make the dollars stretch.)
3. Lilly Clergy Renewal Grant - Clergy Renewal Sabbatical Team of Amy Kellogg, Glynis Laing, Celeste Brilas, Sarah Schuster, Matt Van Wormer and Will Parsons are working with me on this grant, due on April 27. A rough first draft of the narrative portion has been completed and documentation from the Bishop received. I am now working on the details of the budget and specifics about the role the parish will play while I am away. The grant has a provision for the parish to have enrichment and renewal while the clergy is away.

Insurance: Doug Skladan and I met with Jeffrey Lyngaas, St. Andrew's insurance agent representing the Church Insurance Group. This firm only served Episcopal churches and relates to the Church Pension Group, who oversees pensions in the Episcopal Church. He reviewed our policies and answered questions. We asked for calculations of scenarios including raising the deductible, insuring for less than

replacement cost and raising the liability on cybercrime. Once the figures are reviewed, if actions are recommended, they will come to the vestry for approval.

Organizational Chart Updated (show)

Standing Resolutions (updating with Vestry Clerk)

Diaconal Candidate Site Placement

Lonnie Gatlin is the chef at Bellwether Farm and is a candidate for the Vocational Diaconate. As a part of his formation, he is visiting and relating with St. Andrew's, specifically in outreach and worship ministries. He has helped with Community Meals, participated in mid-week Morning Prayer and Sunday morning in person worship, attended the LCCC collaboration meetings, visited with the guests in the Warming Shelter. A part of his formation is to discern where he may be called to serve.

Changing St. Andrew's Policy on Masks

After consulting with Glynis Laing and Kathy Kerber (both who have extensive medical qualifications and experience), Mark Skladan, Worship Chair, Amy Kellogg, Sr. Warden and area clergy, I am lifting St. Andrew's mask mandate for worship and gatherings. Individuals will be encouraged to make decisions based on their own comfort level and context. Ministries involving food and the distribution of food as well as the Warming Shelter, will be asked to continue the use of masks. This decision is based on current health conditions in Lorain County and northeast Ohio. If conditions change, it will be revisited.

Coffee Hour and Parish Gatherings with Food

At the March meeting, The Congregational Development Commission will be asked to begin scheduling Coffee Hour after the 11 am service. Plans are already underway for a Parish and Community Easter Brunch. This will be a collaboration with the Lorain County Prosecutor's Office as one of their community outreach endeavors. The LCPO will help fund and staff the Easter Brunch for St. Andrew's and the larger community.

Rector's Time Away

March 28-April 7 (7 work days including 1 Sunday – will lead some Zoom services from out of town.)

June 13-25 (9 work days days including 1 Sunday)

June 28- July 6 (6 work days including 1 Sunday)