

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Elyria, OH**

Vestry Meeting Minutes June 8, 2022

Present: Rev. June Hardy Dorsey, Amy Kellogg, Bill Hebble, Judi Hudnutt, Kathy Kerber, Mark Skladan, Hans VanWormer, Karen Wells, Doug Skladan-Treasurer

Excused: Jay Snider

Absent: Karen Hahn

Worship, Welcome and Check in: Rev. June Hardy Dorsey

Meeting called to order at 7:27 pm by Rev. June Hardy Dorsey

Motion by Judi Hudnutt to accept the minutes of the May 2022 meeting, Hans VanWormer seconded; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report/Finance Report – Doug Skladan

See attached

Judi Hudnutt moved to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Hans VanWormer; motion passed.

Rector's Report – Rev. June Hardy Dorsey

See attached, highlights include:

- Next Level Summer Camp in collaboration with LCCC is scheduled and registration has started.
- Vacation scheduled for June 13-18

Sr. Warden Report – Amy Kellogg

Vacation scheduled for June 19-29

37 people will be attending the Cleveland Guardians game this Friday, June 10

Junior Warden Report – Hans VanWormer

See attached Building and Grounds report

Vacation scheduled for June 12-26

Commission Reports

Resource Management reported they have sent requests for budget requirements for 2023

Youth – Judi Hudnutt advised VBS is scheduled for July 11-14 and volunteers needed

Advocacy Report – Karen Wells

See attached

New Business

Amy Kellogg moved to appoint Mark Skladan and Judi Hudnutt as temporary wardens due to Rev. June Dorsey, Amy Kellogg and Hans VanWormer being on vacation at the same time, Hans VanWormer seconded the motion; motion passed.

Amy Kellogg moved to add the \$842 unused funds from the Professional Development/Continuing Education (50512) 2021 budget to the current year budget, same line item, Judi Hudnutt seconded; motion passed.

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Open Discussion

Myki VanWormer gave a report on managing the Zoom service during the Pentecost service.

Closing Prayer – Kathy Kerber

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting is July 13, 2022 at 7:00 pm on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle VanWormer

Vestry Clerk 2022

Rector's Report to Vestry
June 8 , 2022

Worship

As I wrote in this month's Carillon article, worship is central to our life of faith and the life of our parish. It connects us to God, to one another, to the Communion of Saints and to the mission of the church. Each week, as we depart, we are called to "go and serve the Lord."

At St. Andrew's we offer opportunities for communal worship on Sundays and weekdays as well as resources and recommendations for individual worship. I believe that the way St. Andrew's has remained healthy and engaged in ministry during the pandemic is related to members' engagement and faithfulness in worship. In person worship has been offered for a little over a year, beginning May 2021, and we continue to have steady engagement and attendance in all three services on Sunday.

Mid-week Morning Prayer on Zoom gathers a faithful group of 4 – 8 to pray a variety of Morning Prayer services. Beginning the Wed. after the March 2020 shut down, this group has been meeting weekly, taking only a brief break last summer. The order of service changes seasonally. In the past year we have prayed from the Book of Common Prayer, the Iona Community Prayer Book, The Corrymeela Community Prayers, the Northumbrian Community Prayers and most recently, the New Zealand Prayer Book. I usually officiate this service with Anne Yug assisting. Jane McDonald and Lonny Gatlin also provide worship leadership. When I have to be absent, Anne or Lonny officiates and Jane assists.

The Service of Compline has been offered for several years on Zoom, with the schedule changing a few times. This service has not been well attended in recent months so it will be discontinued for the summer, with the plan to resume in October when we go back to a Fall Worship Schedule.

Communal worship is where visitors come to St. Andrew's and I have asked the Congregational Development Commission to create a New Member/Visitor event to encourage new members and visitors to get to know St. Andrew's better.

Myki Van Wormer is helping as we experiment with the best way to integrate the Zoom service participants in to an in person service through live-stream. On Pentecost we will use a second camera to help the Zoom congregation see the baptism.

Next Level Summer Camp

Collaboration with LCCC

Grant funded project by Diocese of Ohio Formation and Congregational Development

June 14 – 17 and 21 – 24

Leanne Taylor is the St. Andrew's point person working as liaison with LCCC. The grant provides a stipend for this work. Judi Hudnutt, Celeste Brlas and Glynis Laing are working as volunteers on this project.

Ben Holcomb will lead camp activities every day. At this time there are 7 campers registered so we have openings even though the deadline has passed.

All those who will work with the youth are being certified to comply with the Diocesan Safe Child requirements.

Deacon Update

Lonny Gatlin was ordained at Trinity Cathedral on May 28 at 10 am. Deacon Jane Trager, Deacon Barbara Maxwell and I served as presenters. Karen Wells attended from St. Andrew's. Though Bishop Hollingsworth has not made Lonny's parish assignment yet, I am hopeful that our proximity to Bellwether and the robust nature St. Andrew's outreach ministries will result in Lonny being "assigned" to St. Andrew's, or possibly, St. Andrew's "adjacent."

Deacon Jane has been with St. Andrew's since August of 2021 so this August, she will rotate to Christ Church in Oberlin. We are grateful for her diaconal ministry and companionship.

Baptisms are scheduled for June 5 (Amelia Ann Kirchner) and July 10 (Jonari Jolie)

Ben Holcomb is seeking to be confirmed in the Episcopal Church. I am meeting with him individually in providing a 1:1 confirmation class. Other candidates will be invited to participate in a group class at a later date.

Formation

Barefoot Dialogue Across Congregations (a Diocesan ECS grant funded program) concluded its first session on May 31. Four groups, representing four congregations in three cities met for four sessions via Zoom for dialogue across difference. Two of the congregations were predominantly African American and two were not. Two Oberlin College students trained in Barefoot Dialogue methods served as facilitators. Centerpieces from writings on race, inclusion, land and connection were used as common touchpoints in the conversations. Clergy from three of the four congregations served as hosts. The St. Andrew's group participants were Barb Prior, Bill Hebble and Cameron Taylor. I served as a host. An extensive survey was completed by participants, facilitators and hosts to learn about this experience/experiment. When the results are available, they will be shared to determine the next steps for this program.

Sacred Ground Anti-Racism Course

We will begin a Sacred Ground anti-racism small group in hybrid format this summer, starting with an informational meeting for everyone on June 28. After the informational meeting, we will form the first group to begin meeting in July. Meetings will be 3 – 4 weeks apart (because there is a lot of reading/homework to prepare between meetings) and conclude by May 15, 2023.

Periodic Intergenerational Gatherings

Pentecost

Diocesan Service

Commission on Ministry

Dean of the North Central Mission Area

Community Outreach

Next Level Summer Camp

Second round of Community Barefoot Dialogue (late summer or early fall)

Upcoming Rector time away

Vacation

June 13 – 25 (The Rev. Christopher Hofer will be supply clergy.)

July 3-6 (The Rev. Jimmy Madsen will be supply clergy.)

Stephanie Miller will operate the Zoom service and Powerpoint for these Sundays. July 3 Sunday will offer a Zoom "guest preacher" from the Festival of Homiletics 2022. I will create the Powerpoint worship presentations for both of these weeks.

Continuing Education/ Professional Development

Date TBA in July- Aug. (10 days including 1 Sunday, MP will be led by a deacon or lay minister in person and on Zoom) – Based on the theme of the proposed sabbatical in 2023. A preliminary engagement of the invocation of wholeness through connection, contemplation and creativity.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. June Hardy Dorsey