

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

**Vestry Meeting Minutes July 13, 2022**

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

Excused: Karen Wells, Hans VanWormer, Bill Hebble

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

Meeting called to order at 7:12 pm by Rev. June Hardy Dorsey.

Minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report/Finance Report--Doug Skladan

See attached. Finance Report was accepted.

Rector's Report –Rev. June Hardy Dorsey

See attached, highlights include:

- Presented information from Lorain County Needs Assessment
- Gratitude for the congregation's welcoming at the baptism of Robert Jonari Julio-Skeels.

Senior Warden's Report—Amy Kellogg

Reported that there was a good turn-out for the Guardians game on June 10<sup>th</sup> and the Guardians prevailed over the Oakland A's.

Junior Warden's Report – Hans VanWormer

See attached, highlights include:

- Greg Hebble and Hans Van Wormer have been reviewing the indoor signage for the building. A depiction of the proposed signage was provided to the Vestry for review.

Commission Reports

Resource Management Commission has begun the process of putting the budget for 2023 together and plans on having a draft to the Vestry at the September Vestry meeting.

Youth Commission - Judi Hudnutt advised that VBS was changed to August 1-4 due to the very low enrollment for the July date.

The Congregational Development Commission is working on an outdoor worship service for September 25, 2022. CDC is also updating "newcomer" materials.

New Business:

Judi Hudnutt moved to transfer \$3200 from the Sylvia Taylor account (JIF Account 31700) to new account 20160 Directory Signs, Amy Kellogg seconded the motion; motion passed.

Judi Hudnutt moved to create a task force to explore developing a design for the outdoor space that fronts Third Street, obtain a contractor's estimate, and determine how to fund the project, Kathy Kerber seconded the motion; motion passed.

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Amy Kellogg moved to instruct the bookkeeper to maintain at all times, a minimum of \$1000 in the account attached to the debit card (10025), Judi Hudnutt seconded the motion; motion passed.

Kathy Kerber moved to transfer from JIF all of the remaining Connecting Community Funds approximately \$1,532, to the Huntington Designated Fund (10020), Judi Hudnutt seconded the motion, motion passed.

Closing Prayer: Karen Hahn

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting is August 10, 2022 at 7 pm on Zoom

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Hays, Acting Clerk

Rector's Report to Vestry  
July 13, 2022

### **Worship**

The summer worship schedule began on July 3 with the 8:30 am service taking the customary summer pause, the Zoom service moving to 9 am and the 11 am I person service moving to 10:30 am. There were two supply clergy providing leadership in the past month; The Rev. Christopher Hofer on June 19 (3 services) and the Rev. Jimmy Madsen on July 3 (1 service.) The supply clergy budget has approximately \$55 remaining and more funds will need to be allocated by the Vestry if additional supply clergy are to be arranged for Sundays when the Rector will be away. (Morning Prayer led by a Deacon or Lay Worship leader is always possible for the remaining Sundays when the Rector will be away.) Technical difficulties at the July 3 Zoom service caused that service to be significantly abbreviated. A free online platform for the Zoom PowerPoint is being investigated to prevent this kind of tech problem in the future.

Deacon Jane will complete her rotation at St. Andrew's on Aug. 14 and will move to Christ Church. She will preach on July 31 and Deacon Lonny Gatlin will serve as the Deacon and assist me for the celebration of the Eucharist. VBS Sunday has been moved to Aug. 7 with the change of VBS dates.

The newly re-formed choir completed the season begun on Palm Sunday on Trinity Sunday. Instrumental musicians and solo singers from the congregation will periodically provide anthems during the rest of the summer worship schedule. A musical highlight is planned for Saturday, Aug. 20, when we will welcome the Jeff Myer Trio for a 5 pm on Saturday, Jazz Mass.

Robert Jonari Julio-Skeels was baptized on July 10 in a joyous service including his family, parish children, youth and adults. (Especially memorable is his running down the center aisle to the font early in the service, while the prayers and promises were being spoken at the front of the church.) On Aug. 14 St. Andrew's will participate in the Lorain County Episcopal Lutheran joint service at High Meadows Metro Park. The summer Zoom service will take place on that day according to schedule at 9 am. The outdoor worship service will be followed by a picnic.

The Gospel readings for this season are primarily from the Gospel of Luke which is characterized by its writing directed at those who were not Jewish. This is a timely Gospel for St. Andrew's to be hearing as we continue to seek to Share God's Love and help meet the needs of our neighbors.

### **Next Level Summer Camp**

This grant-funded collaboration with LCCC provided eight days of summer day camp for middle school aged students in our church and community. Leanne Taylor served as the Camp Director and was assisted by volunteers Judi Hudnutt, Celeste Brlas and Glynis Laing. Ben Holcomb and Michael Taylor served as supplementary program staff/assistants. Field trips to Bellwether Farm and LCCC offered off-site enrichment opportunities for the campers. Seven campers (four from St. Andrew's and three from the community) were enrolled with six campers participating. An end of camp evaluation offered helpful suggestions for next year and it is our intention to apply for grant funds for a second year. One of the most valuable results was the networking and connections made with LCCC faculty, staff and administrators. Heretofore, St. Andrew's initiatives with LCCC have not gained traction so the foundation built through this year's Next Level Summer Camp promises to be something on which we can build in the years to come.

The grant made provisions for a community outreach project to grow out of the summer camp and connections have been made with the Boys and Girls Club of Elyria to explore a tutoring ministry involving St. Andrew's parish members and LCCC students. Progress on this will be forthcoming as plans are confirmed.

### **Deacon Update**

There has been no further development on Deacon Lonny Gatlin's parish assignment, so we are continuing to invite him to serve in diaconal roles at St. Andrew's when his Bellwether schedule permits.

**Confirmation Update**

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****Sacred Ground Anti-Racism Course**

Six people have registered for the Sacred Ground anti-racism small group held. Two others from St. Andrew's are considering joining and the invitation has been extended to Christ Church. The first session will be on July 26 at 7 pm with 11 following sessions scheduled over the next eight months.

**Outreach**

LCCAA Community Need Assessment Report

Washington Avenue Christian Church Medical Debt Elimination Initiative (ratio is 1 to 100)

**Carillon Meeting to be scheduled with Building and Grounds and Worship Commission**

The Carillon restoration was completed earlier this year on a much-delayed schedule. Since that time, there have been multiple malfunctions (time of chime randomly getting out of sync, certain notes playing in a muted way or not playing at all etc.) Hans Van Wormer and Gary Pressnell have been able to reset the Carillon and Hans has been able to make repairs to correct several of the malfunctions. Currently the Carillon is turned off, awaiting assessment and possible repair by Hans in August. I will be scheduling a meeting of B and G and the Worship Commission to investigate a sustainable long-term solution to present to the Vestry for consideration. The music and chimes of the Carillon provide a broad witness to Christ in downtown Elyria when they are functioning properly. When they are malfunctioning, the wrong time chime or hymns with muted or missing notes do not communicate such a witness.

**Administration**

High frequency of errors in printed material is being addressed in the office by adding checklists, education and support. Myki Van Wormer is assisting Jesse Varner with expansion of avenues for communication and style and practice consistency.

**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*

October 9 (Sunday) with Sat. and weekdays TBD on either side.

*Continuing Education/ Professional Development*

Dates TBA in Aug.-Sept. (10 days including 1 Sunday)– Professional development based on the theme of the proposed sabbatical in 2023. A preliminary engagement of the invocation of wholeness through connection, contemplation, and creativity. MP will be led by a deacon or lay minister in person and on Zoom unless the Vestry decides to increase funds for Clergy Supply.)

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. June Hardy Dorsey