

St. James Vestry Minutes
Thursday, July 21, 2022

Present: De Freeman, Forbes Sirmon, Sr. Warden Jeanie Smith, Clerk Bruce Stone, Treasurer Katie Smith, Parish Administrator Meghan Fancher, Earl Jackson, Elizabeth Erwin, Laura Jones, Ben Coddling, Matthew Myrick, Tracy Corte, Mary Statkewicz, Chris Nelson, Shannon Pesnell

Vestry Members Absent: BeBe Goetter, Lauren Arington

Vestry meeting commenced @ approximately 5:47m

Opening prayer – Fr. De Freeman

Recitation of Mission Statement

Peter Gaillard led meditation “Power of Prayer”

Discussion: De Freeman requested motion to approve adding Amanda Doshier to Assistant Discretionary Fund checking account @ M&M Bank. Motion first made by Earl Jackson, seconded by Ben Coddling. Motion approved. Clerk Bruce Stone to prepare Resolution for signing.

June Vestry minutes had one correction: Ben Coddling was not present. De requested approval with correction; Chris Nelson made first motion, seconded by Matt Myrick. Motion approved.

Consecration Sunday will be October 2nd. Fr. De requested Vestry volunteers for lay speaking during services leading up to Consecration Sunday, for about 5-7 minutes each on 9/11 and 9/25 “what the Church means to me”. Earl Jackson is Team Leader; Shannon Pesnell volunteered for 9/25. If any other Vestry members were interested in speaking, notify Fr. De within next few weeks.

Clerk Bruce Stone volunteered to chair the meal for Consecration Sunday.

Fr. De next initiated discussion on strategic planning. Two (2) architectural firms are being considered by Architectural Committee and will be recommended to Vestry next week. Names of final firms were not divulged, although requested by Chris Nelson

Finance committee will be interviewing three (3) possible capital campaign consultants on Monday.

Fr. De announced that he planned on keeping two (2) Sunday morning services for a “good while”. ASA for July to date is 281, as opposed to 282 for summer of 2016, and 216 for July 2016. 2019 ASA summer was 251. De feels the need to reach a “critical mass” again, and no Sunday morning services will return to the Chapel. We will re-convene with Sunday School between services. The regular parishioners at Wednesday morning Chapel service have requested a change in time to 7:30am, beginning 8/1.

Matt Myrick & Forbes Sirmon discussed youth plans. Proposed that Youth will start meeting twice a month at different parent’s homes for bible study, projects, etc., and hopefully more opportunities for youth will be provided. Youth meeting will start back up after Rally Day. 5-6 parents showed up the previous Sunday for the planned meeting to discuss the Youth’s future.

Fr. De closed with prayer. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm

August Vestry meeting will be 8/18.