



**Meeting of the Vestry  
17 May 2021, 5 – 7 p.m.**

***Vestry members present:*** Jed Dennard, Martha Evans, Jodie Guest, Helen Ingebritsen, Tim Kelly, Annemarie Madden, Jon-Paul Roy, Michael Tarantino, Grant Ford, Carol Roberts, Gay Jolley

***Vestry members absent:*** None

***Clergy present:*** The Rev. Monica Mainwaring, The Rev. Colin Brown

**Call to Order**

The vestry met via Zoom video conference because of social distancing mandated by the coronavirus pandemic. Senior Warden Tim Kelly called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. Clerk certified quorum was present.

**Opening prayer and meditation**

The rector opened the meeting and vestry member Grant Ford gave the meditation on the spirit of humility. Our world today is too often choosing sides and driving wedges. Peacemaking requires humility, empathy, and patience. We don't always have to be right. Resolution is rarely instant. The process of restoration can be a burden on those who are willing to participate. Monica added that the recent school board retreat covered similar topics.

**Clerk's Report (Jon Roy)**

- The April minutes were approved unanimously.
- The next vestry meeting is Monday, 21 June, 5-7pm. The group did discuss current guidelines and practicalities of meeting in-person or virtually. Given the limitations as of the vestry meeting, the plan is to meet on campus with option to zoom in the future, but the June meeting is via Zoom b/c of a consultant joining us in June. Martha Evans will provide the meditation.
- A vestry retreat is being considered for October meeting pending Covid guidelines.

**Senior Warden's Report (Tim Kelly)**

- Endowment Fund Trust: Two trustee positions are open for the Endowment Fund and vestry must confirm the two candidates approved by the other Endowment Fund Trustees. Brad Ferrer and Tim Kelly were nominated and unanimously approved, with Senior Warden abstaining from the vote on his confirmation. Brad brings over 6 decades

at St. Martins, frequently at the 8am service, now attending 11am, and board experience with Georgia State's Endowment Fund.

- Regathering Guidelines are moving rapidly. The vestry approved Phase 3C of diocese's plan. Jodie Guest provided professional commentary for vaccination protocols in order to keep everyone safe while on campus together.
- Consultancy. Senior and Junior Warden have interviewed several options regarding ways to improve communications and leadership at St. Martins. They have suggested we continue to explore engagement with David Brubaker due to style, experience, and availability. In the wake of this past year, multiple situations suggest this will help us clarify our strategic identity benefiting our parishioners, clergy, lay leadership, and ultimately our entire church family and communities we serve. A 4-month engagement (August – November) would likely cost \$10,000 and the Vestry may decide to extend any engagement into 2022 as well. The next step is to invite David to share more about the process and resources during the June vestry meeting so we can plan to optimize our investment with him or others.

#### **Rector's Report (Monica Mainwaring)**

- The Revisioning Commission has finished it's biweekly meetings having invested over 432 hours (54 days) with clarified mission, values, and goals.
- Youth position was posted in May
- Music minister search is underway with formal job description. A generous \$25,000 per year five-year donation for music operations will now allow us to competitively hire per the industry standards.
- Fall formation concepts are being spearheaded by a Formation Committee. Summer schedule: Wonder Church 9a, Outdoor 10a, Indoor 11a.
- Addie Tyler to be ordained June 26th and will be working at a church in Fayetteville AK.

#### **Associate Rector's Report (Colin Brown)**

- Several enhancements to our services will kick off at Pentecost including returns to choir singing, processions, and more live music.
- Wonder Church continues to build a stronger following.
- Pastoral care has been difficult over past year and took away all in-person and other key tools. Colin and Monica have rotate serving as pastoral lead weekly and have begun in-home and in-hospital visits. A couple of bright spots include beginning a "calling" ministry and restarting Eucharistic-visits.

#### **Finance Commission and Treasurer's Report (Martha Evans)**

- Financials are in good shape relative to expected adjustments to date. Expenses are ahead for April, but mostly due to timing of several major expense items.
- Our Finance Manager has completed consolidating bank accounts with Synovus.

- The Finance Commission suggested and vestry approved \$29,000 in operating funds be designated for capital improvements along with reallocation of some funds from completed projects.
- The church and school have selected a new insurance provider, which should reduce our annual premiums for same or better coverage.
- Annual audit is currently underway.

#### **Outreach Commission Report (Carol Roberts)**

- The Endowment fund approved a scaled down grant of \$33,790 to the following:
  - \$10000 Holy Comforter
  - \$10000 IOH
  - \$7500 Emmaus House
  - \$6290 Path to Shine
- Next meeting on May 10th.
- Liaisons were appointed to 5 major outreach partners to improve communications, timing, and visibility.
- St. Elizabeth's guild met last week and prepared box dinners that Holy Comforter is distributing to 55 families. This was designed as an alternative to pre-Covid Wednesday night dinners.
- Rector mentioned a 4/20 presentation on "Food Justice" related to running our pantry.

#### **Administrative Commission and Junior Warden's Report (Annemarie Madden)**

- Work continues on items from prior month with no required decisions at this time.

#### **NEW BUSINESS – St. Martins School Expansion Exploration, Derek Porter, SMES Board Chair**

- SMES has developed some conceptual renderings based on a recent review of land usage restrictions by the City of Brookhaven. Derek wanted to share these with the church in early stages to keep us informed and to seek any other opportunities that the church may leverage from such project. There are no formal plans, only design ideas based on relaxed impervious area restrictions at the drainage ditch that flows under the connecting bridge.
- The artist renderings depicted a two-story structure that would replace the bridge between Warrior and Young Halls and yield 10,000 to 12,000 square feet of additional classroom space.
- Both groups will collaborate to explore impact on related or shared areas such as the prayer garden, reserved-use allotments, potential widening of Ashford-Dunwoody Road/potential roundabout at the Ashford-Dunwoody/Windsor intersection, and loan implications.

#### **Prayer and adjournment:**

- The rector closed with a prayer for appreciation for diversity of race and cultures, as we are all created in God's image and strive to widen our circles of fellowship.
- Vestry adjourned at 7:00 p.m.