

Final Approved Minutes, Vestry Meeting, Sunday January 16th, 2022 (following Annual Meeting in the knitting room) Clerk: David LePage (appointed at Annual Meeting)

Attendants:

Fr. Bob & Fran Witt

Richard Wise

Cheney Baltz

Toni Tittle

Marge Comella

John Charny

John Connelly

Absent: Heidi Schinko, and Jack & Betty Rendlesham (funeral)

As per the agenda, we elected officers.

Sr. Warden: Marge nominated John Charny. He accepted. Toni seconded. Vote was unanimous yes.

Jr. Warden: John Charny nominated John Connelly. He accepted. Toni seconded. Vote was unanimous yes.

Treasurer: John Charny nominated Jack Rendlesham *in absentia*. John Connelly seconded. Vote was unanimous yes.

Primary work and debate was regarding the search committee for finding a new priest.

During annual meeting we had five volunteers:

Richard Wise

Russ Tripi

Tom Magyar

Cheney Baltz

Stephanie Clark

During vestry it was indicated that Dorothea Kingsbury and David LePage were also interested.

John Connelly requested discussion on the role of the search committee. Vestry would have final decision. Search Committee decides on who they present to vestry, but Vestry makes final decision.

Richard volunteered to be chairman of the committee.

Toni formally nominated him. He will deal directly with Rev. Percy Grant, Canon for Ministry, who prefers that we get this done in the next six months. Fr. Bob clarified that she represents the Bishop.

Rich excited about importance of the committee's work.

Toni clarified that vestry should set up the president of the search committee but that's it for vestry.

John Charny stated that the search committee is independent, but also Rich's prerogative to consult with vestry about it and get clarification.

Marge gave John Charny a copy of the bylaws and he read aloud the relevant sections regarding vestry's appointment of committees, confirming what we had been saying.

John Charny asked for a vote for a provisional acceptance of the committee with the 5 definite volunteers and with Richard as chair. However, it was left open to the committee itself to add

more members as long as it ended in an odd number, and those additions were communicated and approved by the Sr. Warden.

Cheney seconded the motion.

The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Marge requested to change vestry meetings to the third Sunday of every month after worship.

Toni seconded.

The motion passed by unanimous consent.

David brought up Kay Boyd's email request that Fr. Bob be asked about doing pastoral care for St. Bart's. I did this with some reservation, however, since I sincerely believe that a person who has retired should be allowed to retire. I also pointed out that we do have access to Fr. Rosalind at Epiphany and Fr. Steve at Good Shepherd for emergency pastoral care. I know our former Fr. Steve did a funeral for a family at Good Shepherd prior to their Fr. Steve's appointment there. Fr. Bob was generally accepting of it and Fran said he loves doing pastoral work.

Vestry all agreed, however, that this would need to be compensated, according to the norms for such work in the diocese and in consultation with the treasurer. We kind of left it at that. In the meantime it should not be formally posted, but rather run through Dorothea in the office.

The meeting closed with a prayer from Fr. Bob.