St. John’s Vestry

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting via Zoom

May 11, 2021

Present: Rev. Rob Stevens, Rev. Anne Williamson, Chuck Silva, Karen Barsanti, Jeff Croteau, Chris Nettleton, Rebecca Hennessy, Lizzie Bristow, John Bolduc, Ellie Sanderson, Reginald Baird, Ally Dudas, and Randy Philbrook. Absent: Barry Heckler, Kelly Boston, Gerry Simpkins, and Veronique Doherty.

**At 7:00PM, Chuck called the meeting to order**

**1. Approval of Minutes from February 9, 2021 Meeting (Karen)**

* *Motion to approve was made by Chris and seconded by Ellie.* ***Vote:*** *All in favor.*

**2. Building Project (Reggie)**

* We are holding for delayed City of Portsmouth permits. They are doing a careful review.
* In the meantime, the mason has submitted his permit and is waiting for that approval.
* We will make sure neither the church nor Thaxter is exposed to the elements next fall.
* Lead time on materials is long right now, so we will order and stage materials.

**3. Regathering (Jeff & Rob)**

* June 6th is our Regathering…8AM inside, 9:30AM outside, and virtual.
* The key for the indoor is to use masks and physical distancing for health & safety.
* Outside will be at Strawberry Banke and Rob/Team will be visiting the site this week.

**4. Financial Update (Kelly & Rob)**

* **Revenue & Expenses** 
  + Revenue is strong despite the parking lag year-to-date.
  + Expenses are down year-to-date

**5. Stewardship Update (Rob & Chuck)**

* 227 pledges to date vs target of 300
* It’s flat until we are in person and can try to get to 300

**6. Clergy Updates (Rob and Anne)**

* Rob shared that 13 families gathered on Saturday night for Nathan’s last event.
* Anne updated us that Nicole is progressing and met with the Commission of Ministry

**Closing Prayer: Anne shared a special prayer for the Dudas Family.**

**Meeting adjourned – 7:45PM**

**Next meeting is June 15 at 7PM**

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Barsanti

Clerk