

**St. John's Cathedral
Special Vestry Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2020**

6:00 p.m. – Vestry Meeting begins

Members Present via Zoom Conference call

Bruce Barcelo, Tom Burrell, Michael Corrigan, Chris Haley, Jayne Barry Hill, Joe Kincart, Jane Lester, John Sefton, Laura Lane, Claude Moulton, Martha Greene, Lisa McKenna

Quorum:

Yes

Chancellor

Steve Busey

Clergy/Staff Present

Dean Kate, Debbie Johnson, Forrest Andrews, Bob Dannals, Kitty Cash

Treasure

Charles Winney

Devotion/Opening Prayer

Kate Moorehead

Financial Update – Debbie Johnson

Debbie reviewed the attached financial documents. Weekly contributions are lower than previous weeks, noting that no large pledge amounts were received this week. New addition to the report is the proceeds from the CARES Act loan. Kate mentioned that plans are in process to determine if staff salaries will need to be reduced based on giving. Jayne Hill asked what plans are being made review other revenue streams. Kate replied the Stewardship & Development Council is reviewing other targeted asks going forward. The Council will meet very soon. Debbie and Forrest are also review expenditures for savings. Bruce asked if the weekly drop was significant as a year over year basis. Bruce suggested watching the next 3 weeks would be prudent before making staff cuts.

Worship Plans

Kate reviewed the 3 plans she previously mentioned. Plan A: Virtual Worship. Plan B: Individual worship at the Cathedral. Plan C: Social Distant Worship. Plan D: Total worship together.

Plan B: Cathedral Pilgrimage. Parishioners would make a pilgrimage to the Cathedral. They would make a reservation to limit numbers, wearing a mask, they would follow a one-way mapped path, walk through Taliaferro Hall, to the breezeway by the Bishop's Garden where they sit and pray, then into the sanctuary and sit and pray, as they leave they can pick up a consecrated wafer. The sextons will follow and sanitize between pilgrims. This plan has not been approved by the Bishop at this time.

Plan C: Kate relayed the information from a zoom call with other local churches concerning the re-opening of church worship. They were not inclined to open worship with the current social distancing guidelines as it would be stringent and sever as to not be a positive experience. On of the other clergy summed up the group's feelings: "If it is worse than virtual worship why would we do it?"

Jane Lester & Bob Dannals reviewed the thoughts of the Worship, Music & Arts Council's thoughts from their last meeting. Attached is the summary document. They were not able address the numbers that were being allowed. That will be determined at a later date. Jane Lester said the summary was self-explanatory. Lisa McKenna confirmed the guidelines of the CDC should take precedent in any plans. Lisa also mentioned that OSHA has some guidelines that she will review with Forrest to protect the staff. Bob Dannals stated he agrees with the Clergy group Kate meet with via zoom that the experience would be too restrictive to be a good experience. Martha Greene mentioned that the Catholic Diocese of St. Augustine was opening for services beginning May 14th with similar guidelines as mentioned in our Plan C. Joe Kincart approves of the Pilgrimage idea and also have available for ministry groups to be able to use the cathedral. He also mentioned the technology is being designed to bring musicians to perform singularly but to be broadcast as if they were together. Bob Dannals suggested planning affinity groups with limited numbers to meet and have a priest available for consecrated eucharist. Kate suggested some task forces be formed to research new technology initiatives. Forrest relayed that the Sexton's are following all the governmental guidelines for sanitation and Forrest has made sure the Cathedral is prepared for any eventuality.

Closing Prayer

Minutes submitted by Kitty Cash.