



**"Disciples of Jesus, Discipling in love"**

**VESTRY Minutes- Tuesday, May 28, 2019**

Attendees:

The Rev. Joseph Acanfora, Rector  
Kerry Bremmer  
Philip Chakram  
Bill Collins  
Mary Edwards, Registrar  
Gayle Fischer, Senior Warden  
Guest: Canon Mary Hayes

Andy Harris, Junior Warden  
Steven Klein  
Mary Lockett  
Phil Rooney, Treasurer  
Tawnia Wheeler  
Intercessor: Renee Carpenter & Diedre DiGirolamo

The May 28, 2019, meeting of the vestry of Church of the Apostles came to order at 7:15 P.M. with opening prayer, singing, and a devotional discussion of Colossians 2:6-23 (Week 6 of Colossians-Philemon Study Guide. A few of the key take-aways were:

- Not to be swayed by anyone or anything else to come away from Jesus.
- Be rooted and built up in him... abounding in thanksgiving. This makes you joyful.
- A spirit of gratitude is the opening door to Christ.
- Praise and thanksgiving pushes away the things of the world as God inhabits the praises of his people.
- Thanksgiving is a shield from empty deceit.

**1. Finance and Building Update:** Phil presented our current Income and Expenses Report. He did not yet have the information for our actual expenses for the month of May to see if income for the month tracked ahead of expenses. He also reviewed the status of the funding for the Lee Highway building project.

Gayle gave us an update regarding the annual church fiscal audit.

**2. Update and discussion from clergy search committee:** Canon Mary Hays joined with us and will report back to Bishop John Guernsey on the work of the committee. She also shared with us valuable wisdom and insight into the search and selection process. After much discussion all around it was decided that we are now searching for a Rector and not an Associate Rector, so the position announcement needs to be rewritten by the committee, along with a brief parish profile. The committee will be meeting during the summer, and we hope that we can come to a decision and offer a call to someone to begin serving as Rector Adjutor by the end of the year, with at most a 6-month overlap between the candidate and Fr. Joe.



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The search committee is currently made up of Bill Bremmer, Bill Collins, Tawnia Wheeler, Phillip Chakram, Jack Colligan, Andrew Burgess and Emily Rusch.

Bill Collins made a motion that we invite Andrew Blount or Tyler Aberle to join the committee. The motion was seconded by Kerry Bremmer and passed unanimously.

- 3. Diocesan Synod nominations:** The diocesan synod will take place on Nov. 15-16, 2019, at All Saints Anglican Church, Woodbridge, VA.

Kerry Bremmer motioned to nominate Raji Aberle as our youth delegate. The motion was seconded by Tawnia Wheeler and passed unanimously.

Gayle Fischer motioned to nominate Tyler Aberle, Andrew Burgess, Mercy Duquett, Mary Edwards to serve as our parish delegates and alternates. The motion was seconded by Andy Harris and passed unanimously.

- 4. Vestry Member departing:** Mary Lockett informed the vestry that she is putting her house up for sale and planning to move back to California. She anticipates moving in July.
- 5. Bylaws sub-committee update:** Kerry Bremmer gave an update on the work of the bylaws sub-committee. The sub-committee has come across a number of instances where the language of our bylaws does not conform with either ACNA's or DOMA's Constitution and Canons, or our church's Articles of Incorporation. We are working to rectify this and have scheduled three more meetings during the next five weeks to come together and resolve these items.

One of the things needed to accept and implement these changes will be calling a congregational meeting of the parish during the month of September.

Upcoming meetings for 2019: 6/25, 7/23, 8/13, 9/10, 10/8, 10/22, 11/12, 12/10

**Adjournment:** Tawnia moved to adjourn the meeting. Phillip seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.