



"Disciples of Jesus, Discipling in love"

VESTRY Minutes- Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Attendees:

The Rev. Joseph Acanfora, Rector
Kerry Bremmer
Bill Bremmer, Guest
Philip Chakram
Bill Collins
Mary Edwards, Registrar

Gayle Fischer, Senior Warden
Andy Harris, Junior Warden
Stephen Klein
Mary Lockett
Phil Rooney, Treasurer
Tawnia Wheeler (Absent)

Intercessors: Renee Carpenter & Deirdre DiGirolamo

The June 25, 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 3:1-17 (Week 7 from Colossians Bible Study "*Seek Instead The Things Above.*" A few of the key take-aways were:

- Paul makes it clear that we have new life in Christ. Fallenness and the brokenness of the world does not have to apply to us. When we fail we can turn to him in repentance for forgiveness and restoration.
- We (COA) can present this reflection of one humanity, recognizing our cultural differences, and embracing each other and worshiping together.
- Either we are killing sin, or sin is killing us. There is no in between.
- What does it mean to be an image bearer?
- He has declared us holy, so we should behave that way.
- "Teach what Jesus taught, do what Jesus did, in the manner that he did it."
James Bryant Smith, ACNA Provincial Assembly
- Word of Christ – Study scripture to encourage people to meet, learn, worship, be in community, and share lunch. Studying the word brings holiness. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.



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- Col 3:3-4, “For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.”
 - Eph 2:4-7, “with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift.”
 - We are loved, so show love.
1. **Finance and Building Update:** Phil Rooney shared historical information and current status of the DFJ/Building Fund Track. As it now stands, we need to have another \$444,333 in order to pay for remaining expenses before we take occupancy of the new church building. We are continuing to pray that the Lord will meet these needs as He builds His church. We are identifying costs incurred to address utility issues due to Fairfax County planning errors and hope to have all input by the end of this week for Joe’s letter to Fairfax County seeking reimbursement.
 2. **Update and discussion from clergy search committee:** Bill Bremmer gave a presentation to the vestry showing us the revised Rector/Co-Adjutor position description that the search committee drafted. It will be posted shortly to the COA and DOMA websites.
 3. **Update from Bylaws sub-committee:** Kerry gave a report on the recent meeting and progress of the sub-committee. The by-laws are being compiled in a final draft and will be available to the vestry at our next meeting for review and approval.
 4. **Update from Building Use sub-committee –** Stephen Klein presented the vestry with a proposed draft of the Building Use Policies and Procedures. There was discussion and review on a few points. Stephen is going to make the final edits and add the appendices. It will be available at our next vestry meeting for final review and approval.
 5. **Rector’s Update from Provincial Assembly:** Joe gave a brief report on his recent trip to Plano, Tx, along with Andrew and Katelyn Burgess, and Wes Heard to attend the 10th Anniversary Assembly of the Anglican Church in North America. Featured assembly media is now available for viewing on the ACNA website at anglicanchurch.net. Joe shared that from 500 churches 10



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years ago, ACNA has grown to over 1,000 churches. We need to keep planting churches to address projected population growth.

- 6. Other:** Mary Lockett officially tendered her resignation from the vestry, as she is moving to California in July. The motion was put forward by Kerry to accept her resignation and seconded by Stephen Klein. The motion was approved by all. We will take up the matter of her replacement on the vestry at our next meeting.

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

Adjournment: Bill Collins moved to adjourn the meeting. Stephen Klein seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.