

Vestry Minutes
The Church of St. Michael and St. George
6345 Wydown Blvd., Clayton, Mo. 63105

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Vestry Members in Attendance: The Rev. Andrew Archie, Bruce Springer, Lulu Stribling, Joe Sheehan (*Sr. Warden*), Mary Ann Cook, Carl Eichenberger, Ruth Ezell, Ian Hagemann (*Clerk*), Kate Harris, Betsy Panke (*Jr. Warden*), Harrison Hagan Heil, Jan Jacobi, Craig Anzilotti, Ian Mackey

Clergy Assistants in Attendance: Fr. Peter Speropulos, Fr. Tom Albinson

Guests: Laurie Brown (*Parish Life*), Alexis Posnanski (*Stewardship*)

Vestry Members Not in Attendance: Todd Glass, Stephanie Nash

Attachments/Handouts: None

Proceedings: The meeting was convened by the Rector at 3:00 p.m. on Zoom, in-person meetings being impossible due to the coronavirus outbreak. Fr. Tom gave the invocation.

Rector's Report: The Church has never before held a Vestry meeting in Holy Week, and one might hope it will never do so again. The Rector has received several appreciations of the Church's online services, words of encouragement, parish life check-ins, Youth Ministry Bible studies and check-ins, and palm crosses mailed to parishioners. More parishioners are attending Morning Prayer than ever before (close to 100 viewers, versus 1 on average). Kyle Tallman has stepped in as videotechnician. While there have been requests for services to be videorecorded even after the outbreak ends, realize that this would require additional expenditures estimated at \$200,000. The clergy assistants are calling parishioners to update the Realm directory. Staff are being retained through this time. With the difficulty of conducting interviews, there is a delay in the search for Carol Rosales' replacement.

Stewardship: Donations are being received for the Pat Johnson Support Fund, and three disbursements of \$1000 have been approved. The fund benefits parishioners and staff. It is proposed that this fund be publicized further. Carl Eichenberger is working with Alexis on stratifying of pledges for 2020. Some parishioners have been paying pledges in full. We are considering applying for the CARES Payroll Protection Program which would provide a loan to help cover payroll.

Senior Warden: Parishioners ask what they can do for the Church. This is a time when the Church is doing much for parishioners. It is agreed that we should reach out to other parishes, particularly in North City, which are hardest hit.

The PPP has been made available by the U.S. Government to help cover payroll for nonprofit organizations. It is structured as a loan that is forgiven if all procedures are followed. We should accept this free money. It has been proposed that we could help other less fortunate parishes by giving them access to our accountant once we have learned how to access this program ourselves. The St. Michael School intends to apply (as do other independent schools), regardless of our decision, and since we share a tax ID, it would be a single application. A motion to pursue the PPP is made, seconded and adopted unanimously.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ian Hagemann, Clerk of the Vestry