

# THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS

## MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING JULY 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Fr. Bill McCleery. Attending were Fr. Bill McCleery, Margaret Barker, Cynthia Easterling, Janet Johnson, Carol Rector, Shelley Schiro, Michael Shannon and Debby Staton. Margaret Barker gave the devotional. **Debby made a Motion to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2019 Vestry Meeting, with additions and corrections, and the Executive Session, it was seconded by Janet and was passed.**

Regarding financial information, Carol stated Jodi requested Finance Committee meet next week, and that Financial Reports will be sent to all following meeting. There will also be a Finance Committee meeting in August to begin working on the budget, even though there is no Vestry meeting and Bill Farrell will begin the internal audit.

In Jim Olson's absence, Fr. Bill presented final revisions (see attached) to Bylaws, based on comments at the June Vestry retreat. Those revisions and comments are in bold type and apply to Article III, Article VIII and Article VI. Carol stated there were concerns, particularly from Nancy Cooper, on people staying on committees for life, and perhaps there should be a three year term for committees. **Carol made a Motion that any committee chairs can hold their position for no more than 3 consecutive years, and the outgoing chair can stay on the committee as a member, it was seconded by Debby and was passed.** In addition, **Shelley made a Motion that the Bylaws with the final revisions/corrections dated July 11, 2019, be approved, it was seconded by Janet and was passed.** Carol mentioned the Vestry can perform the second vote via email.

Michael said Stewardship committee continues to meet regularly and the Time and Talent survey has been extended to the end of July. So far there have been 55 respondents. He assured the Vestry the committee will share any expressed interests with the appropriate committee chair. Michael also reported on the legacy society (see attached) and there was a kickoff brainstorming session, led by Ken Jones and Albert Gooch. Discussion how to bring more visibility to the endowment fund and to get more involved in the legacy followed and it was agreed to establish a legacy society in the church, for people to name SJITW in their estates, trusts, etc. Once they do that and notify us, they become members of the legacy society. Albert felt it would be beneficial to name the legacy and it was suggested we name it after the group from England that established the church, the Baring family. Michael handed out a drafted brochure (attached) to invite people to be part of the legacy society. The intention is to get people interested and form a group of Charter Members of the Baring Society. During the brainstorming, there was a proposal to have an off-site reception before the end of the year for all legacy members. **Michael made a Motion that the legacy society be named St. John in the Wilderness Baring Society, it was seconded by Debby and was passed.** Michael also handed out Q&A (attached) on giving to the church. An important aspect of stewardship is to raise awareness of the endowment fund and how it functions. An information piece will be inserted into the Sunday bulletin.

Fr. Bill reported for Jerry; volunteer sheriffs began assisting at the crosswalks Sunday July 7, there will be cart driver training, Epperson will cut trees on July 31, volunteer maintenance crew continues, and the safety task force is working towards many issues, the most important of which is medical care safety and training.

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**Special thanks to Bill Walker and team for their time, generosity and extraordinary renovation of the bell tower entrance doors.**

Carol reported outreach met to discuss Sheffer fund money. The committee wants to give the current 9 local agencies additional funds, and add 2-3 more charities e.g., homeless, mental health, mentoring children and educational scholarships. The committee needs a chair for 2020 and Nancy Cooper will be leaving the committee at the end of 2019 after many years of service. All checks have been hand delivered by committee members, some with photos.

Reporting for Greg, Fr. Bill said discernment is quiet, the position is posted on the website, and we currently don't have response information as Canon Augusta is on vacation.

Carol said the Vestry is charged with coming up with a nominating committee. The Bylaws state it needs to have one person who will be going off the Vestry in 2019 and 2 lay people. Fr. Bill, Jerry and Carol (Executive Committee) would like to nominate Debby to be the Vestry person and ask her to be the chair. The Executive Committee recommends as lay people are David Dethro, Yates Farr and Brenda Hillyer. Debby needs to get 2 of these people on her committee, and Fr. Bill and Carol will be ad hoc members. As a reminder, Carol handed out the qualifications to be on the Vestry (see attached). Four members need to be replaced each year. Primary qualifications for Vestry are active and knowledgeable, confirmed by the church, faithful in giving and regular attendance.

Fr. Bill reported Deacon Sandy is on board and will be clergy liaison/advisor to acolytes, lay readers, outreach and altar guild. Sandy is still working and gives 15 hours per week to St. Johns. E.R. Haire is approved to continue on to the priesthood. Margaret will be Vestry liaison on the discernment committee for E.R. along with committee members Judy Petersen, Brenda Hillyer, Arnold Smith and Bill Taylor; still waiting to hear from Tom Deyerle. E.R. will continue to be involved in the Healing Service, lead the Men's Bible Study, etc.

Congratulations went to Shelley as she finished her **5 months** of chemo treatments and she "rang the bell" today at the Mission Cancer Center. Good job Shelley!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. following The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Deyerle, Clerk