



## Resurrection Episcopal Church, Rockdale

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### Virtual Vestry Meeting Minutes, March 8 2022

**Attendance:** The Rev. Thomas C. Wand, Priest-in-Charge, Barbara Krisack, Jim Geiger, Janet Russello, Phyllis Russell, Judith Winters, Kelly McNerney, Helen Dunlap, Jill Graham, Rosemary Bezuidenhout and Linda Leiby

Meeting started at 7:03 P.M.

1. Opening Prayer—Fr. Wand
2. Motion to accept the February 8, 2022 minutes with gratitude. 1<sup>st</sup>: Jim Geiger, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Linda Leiby; all in favor
3. Forthcoming/recent events
  - a. COVID Protocols – No new input from Bishop; freedom to make our own decisions
    - i. Masks: optional to wear and it doesn't have to be KN95.; Preschool can decide what is best for them with the full support of the Vestry.
    - ii. Coffee Hour: will begin this Sunday with Jill Graham hosting.
    - iii. The Peace: can do the sign of peace with congregation.
    - iv. Communion: Dean Council stated that 1/3 of the parishes are doing the Common Cup with others slowly started. We will offer the Common Cup but they may only drink from it.
    - v. Eucharistic Visitors – will resume.
    - vi. Vestry Meetings: continue with Zoom for month of April – Tuesday April 12.
  - b. 7:30 Rite 1 Services: We will continue with only the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month and discuss about the fall.
  - c. Annual Meeting: April 24; a suggestion was brought up to review with the parish our Mission Goals - what we have done, what we are still doing and what needs to be started.
4. Financial Report — Rosemary Bezuidenhout
  - a. Our Handymen – Bill Diamond and Bill Hagen
    - i. Bill Diamond hasn't gotten back to us about the insurance.
    - ii. Bill Hagen – has never billed us for anything – we will check with him about the option of paying his insurance for the work he continues to do for the benefit of the parish.
    - iii. Preschool: Next year – is there a possibility to offer a 5-day program?
      1. Jill Graham shared that on the Aston Township Facebook page that other local preschool programs (St. Timothy's & Mount Hope) offer 5 day and it was shared that someone made a comment that Resurrection only offers a 3-day program.
      2. Do we want to advertise? Are the teachers available.
      3. Will offering a 5-day program make the preschool financially independent again?

4. Jill will speak with Dawn about FB.
5. Property Committee Report—Phyllis Russell, Janet Russello, Jim Geiger
  - a. Jim, Phyllis, Janet—Super<sup>14</sup>-duper thanks for so much
  - b. Items
    - i. Elevator – was serviced and batteries replaced.
    - ii. Bill Diamond – electrical/cable work needs to be done on the modular that PECO will not do.
    - iii. Electric Bill – Zabrina, the renter of the rectory, was inquiring about the increase in the electric bill because she pays for the electric for the well. We will look into it with PECO and see what the cost is monthly and divide it amongst the rectory, parish and sexton's house.
    - iv. Grass Cutting – we will continue with the grass cutters from last year and will occur a slight increase from last year. This was approved in the minutes in a previous vestry meeting.
  - c. Parking Lot Project:
    - i. Our bid is only good until March 9, 2020 for \$55,000.
    - ii. Fr. Tom spoke with the head of the Trustee's Committee and they are looking at possibly adding \$ into the Bishop Revolving Loan Fund, but we can't afford a loan or undertake a loan with the size of our parish from Bishop Revolving Loan Fund.
    - iii. Alternative Possibilities: Investments from various funds held in trust by the Church Foundations
      1. General
      2. Land sale
    - iv. We should try to avoid using these two funds because we get the interest from them and it helps balance our budget.
    - v. Concerns:
      1. Should we just pay it and hopefully we will get some type of scholarship from the Trustee's Committee.
      2. Is the bid detailed enough? (24-month warranty on what?)
      3. Paving concerns near the undercroft – presently water seeps into the undercroft – can they pave so runoff goes towards the cemetery.
      4. Is this bid just a bid or a contract?
    - vi. A motion was made that we accept the bid from American Paving to do a complete repaving of the parking lot, roads to Mount Road and Pennell Road and to enter into a contract with them. The paving should begin @ March 21 and be completed by the end of the month. 1<sup>st</sup>: Helen Dunlap; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jim Geiger; all in favor.
    - vii. A motion was made to transfer money from the Resurrection General Endowment fund for \$55,000.00 to cover the cost of the paving of the church parking lots and entrance and exit roads until monies are received from a grant we are in the process of applying for. An initial transfer to be made for the sum of \$30,000.00 will be used as a deposit and an additional \$25,000.00 may be requested to cover the full expense should the expected grant not be allocated in time.

Any monies received from the grant shall be reinvested in the Resurrection General Endowment Fund. 1<sup>st</sup>: Phyllis Russell; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Janet Russello and all in favor.

6. Warden's Reports
  - a. Rector's Warden – Phyllis Russell – Nothing
  - b. People's Warden – Barbara Krisack
    - i. 2 hall rentals- one needs to be changed due to AA meeting
    - ii. American Legion's Women's Group will like to resume meeting using our Undercroft on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs from 6-8:30.
7. Priest-in-charge Report:
  - a. Fr. Wand will be gone March 14-24; June 28- July 7: clergy coverage is obtained.
  - b. Private Baptism – this is a one-time only because the health of a parishioner who can't do the complete church service.
  - c. General Convention in Baltimore July 7-14; possibly a group of us attending for a day trip. Will discuss further.
  - d. Kailyn George – possibly not a parishioner but needs a letter of good standing and she doesn't attend service but watches the live stream.
  - e. David George – contacted Jill Graham and is interested in returning to the parish,
  - f. We received a nice thank you note from Nikolean Bezuidenhout.
8. Message to parish including Constant Contact message(s)
  - a. Masks - optional
  - b. Coffee hour returning
  - c. Parking Lot will be resurfaced.
  - d. Communion – Common Cup resume
9. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 1<sup>st</sup>: Janet Russello; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rosemary Bezuidenhout
10. Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,  
Helen Dunlap  
Secretary