



# Resurrection Episcopal Church, Rockdale

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The Rev. Thomas C. Wand, Priest-in-Charge; Rosemary Bezeidenhout, Barbara Krisack, Helen Dunlap, Janet Russello, Phyllis Russell, Marsha Litwin, Jill Graham and Jim Geiger

## Electronic Meeting Vestry Minutes—May 12, 2020

1. Opening Prayer—Fr. Wand at 7:05 pm.
2. Brief Check-In by Vestry Members all are well.
3. Minutes from Previous sessions no changes.
4. Amendments to Parish By-Laws—Some possible wording:
  - a. [Article II, Section 1:] The annual meeting of the Corporation and the annual election of members of the Vestry, deputies to the next stated Diocesan Convention and delegates to the Deanery shall be held in the Church edifice or such other place as the Vestry shall by resolution prescribe on the first Sunday in May of each year, or such other day during Easter Season as the Vestry shall designate. **By unanimous vote (or a two-thirds vote of the total Vestry), the Vestry may designate a date outside of Easter season.** The time and place for holding the meeting and election shall be announced to the Congregation by the Rector or a member of the Vestry on the two Sundays next preceding such day of election. If action to be taken by the members at the meeting includes alteration, amendment or repeal of the By-Laws, notice thereof by announcement shall be given by the Rector or a Vestry Member on the three Sundays preceding such meeting.
  - b. [Article III, Section 1:] The Vestry is comprised of up to nine (9) elected congregants, all of whom shall be active communicants in good standing according to the canons of the Episcopal Church. All Members of the Vestry shall be a minimum of eighteen years of age. Vestry members shall serve terms until 31<sup>st</sup> of May following the third Annual meeting following their election. No Vestry member shall serve more than two full terms unless a year shall elapse since their last vestry term's end. Newly elected Vestry members shall take office on the first of June following their election. **In case the Annual Meeting is delayed beyond May 31<sup>st</sup>, the Vestry shall provide for the ending and beginning of terms of office.** Motion made by Helen, Phyllis 2<sup>nd</sup>. All were in favor.
  - c. Terms of present vestry members will remain until the end of the month of the actual Annual Meeting, which will be tentatively scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup>. Motion made by Helen, Janet 2<sup>nd</sup> and all were in favor and passed unanimously.
5. Financial Report
  - a. PPP loan approved!!
  - b. Rosemary has been in contact with Sun East to be used for Payroll to be included in the opportunity of Loan Forgiveness.
  - c. How to tell parish: Loan approved for use of relief for payroll use.
  - d. \$4000 grant from Diocese for Rectory Rent.
  - e. \$100 gift certificates for 2 Teachers, sexton and a parishioner, who needed help.
6. Pastoral Care possibilities:
  - a. “Coffee Hour”—by ZOOM? On Sundays? Can be joined by phone. Poll the attendees of the FB Streaming of Services to see what options people have available to them.
7. Worship continuation options
  - a. Bishop’s latest statements on worship directions.

- i. Only bread.
    - ii. Possibly have an outdoor service.
  - b. Volunteers for "congregation" through June 14
    - i. May 17<sup>th</sup> – Marsha
    - ii. May 24th --Barbara
    - iii. May 31<sup>st</sup> -- Rosemary
    - iv. June 7<sup>th</sup> -- Jill
    - v. June 14<sup>th</sup> – Jim
8. Outreach continuation:
- a. Collection—Donations \$3640 for food pantry; \$3500 disbursed
  - b. Weekly Giant bakery load
9. Property Committee Report—Phyllis Russell, Janet Russello- Tree down on the property blocking the drive by Pennell Road. Chainsaw is in need of repair.
10. Vestry prospects: Jude has expressed interest. Janet will ask Kelly McNierny.
11. Message to parish including Constant Contact message(s)"
- a. PPP (paycheck protection plan) Loan approved for Payroll salaries, at the Bishop's request, we did not lay anyone off and we were approved to receive this loan
  - b. Annual Meeting will be rescheduled, tentatively September 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Demand for food pantry remains. Thank you for continued support.
  - d. Thank you for keeping up the pledge payments.
  - e. Looking at possibly a June/July return to a service of sorts. Not yet determined.
  - f. Ask parishioners if they are interested in some sort of coffee hour.
12. Janet made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Helen 2<sup>nd</sup>. All were in favor.
13. Prayer 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marsha Litwin