



Resurrection Episcopal Church, Rockdale

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Electronic Minutes – June 16, 2021

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

Absent: Jill Graham and Kelly McNerney

Meeting Started at 7:00 PM

1. Opening Prayer – Fr. Tom
2. Motion to accept the Minutes from May meeting was made by Phyllis Russell, Jude Winters- 2nd; all in favor.
3. Election of Vestry's (People) Warden and Clerk of Vestry
 - a. Nomination for Vestry (People) Warden: Barbara Krisack; Motion was made and closed by Janet Russello; Helen Dunlap- 2nd; Motion; Unanimous vote – all in favor
 - b. Nomination for Clerk of Vestry: Helen Dunlap
Motion was made and closed by Jude Winters; Janet Russello- 2nd; Unanimous vote – all in favor.
4. Forthcoming Events:
 - a. Summer vestry meetings: July 12: Letter of Agreement for Fr. Wand; August 9: Worship Schedule for Fall.
5. Financial Report (See attached docs)
 - a. Rosemary Benzuidenhout: Nothing exciting; we did pay our insurance- we are keeping current offering financial gifts to Diocese because they have been so supportive to us;
 - b. Spending by the Rector - Fr. Tom Wand: Movement by the Diocese towards 10% total of giving, pledging/assessment; Bishop would like parishes to give at least 5% - we give 7.8%.

1. Motion to pay the bill for the Hyman accompaniment edition of \$105.00 for Karen Warren for morning/evening prayers that are held at her retirement center- Ivy Creek; Motion by Helen Dunlap; Janet Russello – 2nd; all in favor.
2. Motion to pay the bill for 25 bulletin inserts at \$30/quarter for Karen Warren at Ivy Creek for their morning/evening prayers; Motion by Helen Dunlap; Janet Russello- 2nd; all in favor.
3. Amazon Account: Jude Winters
 - a. We made \$35.54 this quarter from sales
6. [Anti-Racism Work- Progress Report] – Not discussed tonight.
 - a. [Book: White Fragility]
 - b. Provisions of Loving Presence Group Report: Diocese is putting together a group to help us later.
7. Property Committee Report: Phyllis Russell, Janet Russello
 - a. Jim Geiger, Phyllis Russell, and Janet Russello – Super to the 5th super-duper thanks for all they do.
 - b. Insurance Coverage for steeple repair report: Nothing heard from but still trying to coordinate with adjuster; the Diocese Clergy FB page is considering switching insurance companies because of poor service; we need to settle our suit and Sovereign – doesn't pay claims; Church Insurance of VT – they give a low quote at first and the rates go up but they listen to the Bishop if they are issues.
 - c. Cemetery Materials in office: Plans for copying, digital storage, return? – Dawn is working hard to scanning them in to the computer.
 - 1 Request for meeting by Bruce Warren: Joe Newby and Ed Hess has agreed to help on Cemetery Committee- if meeting is in the day- possibly in person: Jim Geiger, Phyllis Russell, Barb Krisack and Linda Leiby are willing to attend.
 - d. Livestreaming:
 - 1 Additional equipment for real-time monitor, joy stick, organ microphones (see attached proposal): Motion for buying the additional equipment from Sound Designs Quote by Jude Winters; Jim Geiger – 2nd; all in favor.
 - 2 Bishop still would like parishes to continue with Live Streaming for those who can't get to church.
 - e. Other Works in Progress:

- 1 Thank you to Zabrina who trims the bushes and plants the flowers around the church. She would like to spray the weeds in the driveway – need to check with Christine, who lives in Sexton house, because of her children with the spray.
- 2 Need to consider replacing the parking lot and driveway.
- 3 Nothing on the Sheds
- 4 Safe in the sacristy is being difficult – need to consider replacing it or getting it fixed.

8. Outreach continuation:

- a. Updated figures for food pantry \$16,870; amount disbursed \$15,000.
- b. Work on folks in parish getting vaccinated; thanks to Kelly McNerney and Barbara Krisack.
- c. We need to meet with Leigh Oppelt as to what we can do now that things are opening again.
- d. Newsletter – we need to start newsletters again for those that don't have computers; Fr. Tom will try to have the Sunday bulletin ready by Tuesday so they can get mailed out. Phyllis Russell will help Jude Winters with the newsletter and mailing.
- e. More people are attending church and coffee hour.
- f. Worship:
 - 1 Masking ok; social distancing ok
 - 2 We will be using Ushers again for Communion
 - 3 Music: Welcome back Debbie Ney
 - a. Adding an Offertory or Sequence hymn to be sung at Offertory and continue with music at Communion.
 - b. Some asked if the piano can be played on the last Sunday of the month instead of the organ.
 - 4 Prayers of the People: possibly updating so it isn't as long to read.
 - 5 Coffee hour – thank you to the Geigers for their help with organizing it; we will be getting cupcakes and continue with beverages of water and soda; Linda Leiby will help with coffee hour and we will start a sign-up sheet.

9. Warden's Reports:

- a. Rector's Warden: Phyllis Russell- nothing
- b. People's Warden: Barbara Krisack – nothing.

10. Priest-in-Charge Report: Fr. Tom Ward

- a. Planned Sunday Absences: July 18, August 29 [absences July 12-19; August 23-Sept 1]; Tom might go away sometime in the Fall/Winter.
 - 1. On August 28: Ed Hess would like to have a Memorial for his dad – Fr. Tom is trying to get a priest from the Diocese who was a Veteran.
 - b. Need to renew letter of agreement: Fr. Tom will forward the Vestry the agreement in an email – they are very few changes.
 - 1. We need to get annual permission from the Bishop for Fr. Tom to stay on because of his age.
11. Message to parish including Constant Contact message(s)
- a. Elections – People’s Warden: Barbara Krisack; Secretary: Helen Dunlap
 - b. Materials will be ordered for Karen Warren to use at Ivy Creek
 - c. Cemetery Committee – looking for volunteers
 - d. Updating Live Stream equipment.
12. Prayer

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:22 PM by Linda Leiby; Barbara Krisack-2nd; all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted
Helen Dunlap
Secretary