



# Resurrection Episcopal Church, Rockdale

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## In Person Meeting & Minutes – October 10, 2021

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

**Absent:** Rosemary Bezuidenhout, and Jill Graham.

Meeting Started at 10:45 AM

1. Opening Prayer – Fr. Tom
2. Motion to accept the Minutes from September's meeting with many thanks was made by Phyllis Russell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Barbara Krisack; all in favor.
3. Annual Version of Letter of Agreement
  - a. Fr. Tom reached out to the Diocese because he never heard back from them.
  - b. The agreement was not correct and needs to be changed to a 1 year only agreement.
  - c. A motion was made to revise the agreement to state that it will be only for 1 year and will need to be redone again in April. 1<sup>st</sup>: Janet Russello; 2<sup>nd</sup> Kelly McNerney. All in favor.
4. Forthcoming and Recent Events:
  - a. Aston Community Day – October 2, 2021
    - 1 Thank you to the following people who worked at the event: Terri Burrell (Chair) and her husband, Phyllis Russello, Rosemary Bezuidenhout, Leigh Oppelt, Linda Leiby, Barbara Krisack, Joan Geiger, Carole Sorokanych, and Helen Dunlap
  - b. Touch a Truck – October 16, 2021
    - 1 Dawn made ground signs that need to be distributed in areas of Aston that are highly visible.
    - 2 Friday set-up from 5:30-6:00 to blow up balloons, layout the parking of trucks and visitors cars.

- 3 Dawn will be attending but not the teachers.
- 4 Arts and Crafts will be done in the Preschool Center.
5. Worship Discussion and Decisions.
  - a. Early Service: 10 people attended on October 3, 2021
    - 1 7:30 service will continue November 7, 2021 and December 5, 2021
    - 2 Christmas Schedule:
      - a. Christmas Eve will be Friday, December 24 at 3 PM
      - b. Christmas Morning will be Saturday, December 25 at 9 AM
6. Financial Report (See attached docs) Fr. Tom Wand:
  - a. Treasure was not at meeting
  - b. Financial Pledge Ingathering
    - 1 Pledge Letter – will be mailed out this week.
    - 2 Presentation at Church- will wait until November 7, 2021
    - 3 Cleanup – will discuss at next vestry on November 7, 2021
  - c. Other: Property Tax
    - 1 Taxes went up on Rectory and Sexton Houses.
    - 2 Rectory Lease is up for review and rent has been \$1000.00 for the last 5 years.
    - 3 Motion was made to increase the rent from \$1000.00 to \$1250.00 starting in January, 2020. 1<sup>st</sup> Janet Russello, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jude Winters. All in favor.
    - 4 Janet Russello and Phyllis Russell with speak to renters at the rectory.
    - 5 A motion was made to give authorization to the chairs of the Property Committee to raise the rent for the Sexton's home next year between \$20.00-\$50.00; 1<sup>st</sup> Jude Winters; 2<sup>nd</sup> Kelly McNerney; All in favor.
7. Property Committee- Phyllis Russell & Janet Russello
  - a. Jim, Phyllis, Janet – Super thanks to the 9<sup>th</sup> power.
  - b. Cemetery Committee meeting – October 21, 2021 at 7 PM – Helen Dunlap will chair that evening.
  - c. Livestreaming Schedule – will be done later.
  - d. Other:
    - 1 Thank you to Jim Geiger for painting the columbarium and Bill Diamond for fixing the lighting in the columbarium.

- 2 The fountain has been emptied and needs a new foundation which Bill Diamond will ask Ace Hardware if they can fix it.
- 3 The lightening in the Narthex and outside front door has been fixed.
- 4 Mold in storage area of Undercroft- it was suggested by Bill Hagen to get denature alcohol and a sprayer to kill the mold.

8. Cemetery Committee Report: Phyllis Russell

a. Communication:

- 1 We are having an issue of the information for scheduled funerals/and burials is not being communicated to Dawn and other members of the Cemetery Committee.
- 2 The text messaging chain is not being used by Bruce Warren.
- 3 Fr. Tom will speak with Dawn and Bruce to get the information shared properly.

b. Grave Prices

- 1 Cemetery Plots Cost: Single: \$1250.00; Double: \$2500; Triple: \$3,500.
- 2 Grave opening will be at an extra cost.
- 3 Columbarium: 2021 costs: \$800 for an active church member and spouse; \$1200 for two sets of ashes in one niche; \$1000 for non-members.
- 4 Columbarium Opening will be at an extra cost.
- 5 Columbarium Price Set for 2022: Single: \$1250; Double: \$1750.
- 6 Motion was made to set the prices for the graves and columbarium effective September 23, 2021. 1<sup>st</sup>: Janet Russello; 2<sup>nd</sup> Helen Dunlap. All in favor.

c. Section Markers:

- 1 More information needed for pricing and placement

d. Scanned Documents

- 1 Dawned scanned them in but the file needs to be renamed and Kelly McNerney will do it.

9. [Anti-Racism Work: Progress Report]- tabled to future date

a. [Book White Fragility- individual progress reports]

b. [Provisions of Loving Presence Group report: What to do to start?]

10. Warden's Report: Phyllis Russell – no news  
People's Report – Barbara Krisack
  - a. AA will have their meetings outside in the parking lot at 2 PM
  - b. Vestry has agreed that we will not rent the hall out during Saturday afternoons so AA can continue their meeting.
11. Priest- In-Charge Report- Fr. Tom Wand
  - a. Move date undetermined; more towards Thanksgiving than Christmas.
  - b. Fr. Tom will be extremely busy packing and shredding the month of October so please bear with him.
12. Message to parish including Constant Contact:
  - a. Aston Community Day – a thank you to all those who participated on October 3, 2021.: Terri Burrell and husband, Linda Leiby, Rosemary Bezuindhout, Barbara Krisack, Phyllis Russell, Joan Geiger, Leigh Oppelt, and Helen Dunlap
  - b. Touch a Truck will be on Saturday, October 16, 2021
  - c. 7:30 AM Service will be offered on Sunday, November 7 and December 5. We will have a 9:00 service also.
  - d. Christmas Schedule: Christmas Eve, Friday, Dec. 24 at 3 PM and Christmas Morning, Saturday, Dec. 25 at 9 PM
  - e. Pledge Campaign mailing will go out this week in the mail.
  - f. New grave and columbarium prices.
  - g. AA meeting will be in the church parking lot at 2 PM and we will not be offering hall rentals on Saturday afternoon to accommodate the AA group.
  - h. Start collecting Fleece for the hats, scarves and blankets in January.
  - i. Ministrium Thanksgiving will be virtual in November

Next Vestry Meeting: November 7 after the 9:00 service.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Janet Russello–2<sup>nd</sup> Linda Leiby; all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted  
Helen Dunlap  
Secretary