

**Meeting of the Vestry  
The Chapel of the Cross  
July 15, 2020 via Zoom**

**Attendance:**

Rev. Ben Robertson, Bob Williams (sr warden), Ralph Stillions (jr warden), Bill Buehner, Brock Haas, Steve Middleton, Stan Herren, Tommy Roberson, Will Morton, Reggie Sims, Ashley Herden, Sarabeth Clark

Absent members: Ellen O'Neal, Rebecca Haas

Non-members attending: Rev. Will Compton, Russell and Lauren Bain, Amy Barker

**I. Opened in prayer by**

Rev. Ben Robertson

**Reflection: not given**

**II. June minutes/July agenda**

No corrections to June minutes, no additions to July agenda; Bill moved to accept, Sarabeth seconded, unanimously approved by Vestry's vote

**III. Old/Ongoing Business**

**A. Building Report—Amy**

--87.86% complete; scheduled completion date 8/18

--4 items for vestry's vote (first 3 already approved by building and finance committees; 4<sup>th</sup> item approved by building committee but not by finance)

- Altar cross—will be paid for by donation  
--motion to accept made by Stan, seconded by Will Morton, unanimously approved by the vestry's vote
- Children's Chapel doors—alter one to be a Dutch door that can lock separately; cost \$2178  
--motion to accept made by Bill, seconded by Steve, unanimously approved by the vestry's vote
- Altar rail—quote provided \$11,500; carpenter is upgrading original design  
--motion to accept made by Will Morton, seconded by Steve, unanimously approved by the vestry's vote
- Sidewalk in front of children's chapel—change material sidewalk is made from to make it more accessible  
--motion to keep sidewalk material as is made by Sarabeth, seconded by Steve, approved by vestry's vote/one "nay" vote

i. Pew progress—Ben

--pews are being sourced from other vendors to find something more cost effective

B. Treasurer's Report—Brock

--discussion of investments

--motion to accept Brock's plan to pursue safest option with Rainy Day funds from BankFirst made by Ralph, seconded by Bill, unanimously approved by the Vestry's vote

i. Finance committee recommendations—Brock

--further budget discussions

--PPP funds are not part of income; we are still on track for forgiveness of that loan

--motion to accept report made by Tommy, seconded by Sarabeth, unanimously approved by the Vestry's vote

C. Senior Warden's Report—Bob

Nothing further to report

i. Day in the Country—Bob/Lauren and Russell Bain

- Bishop does not oppose moving forward; changes will need to be made
- Many local events are moving forward
- Virus Committee recommendation is to go forward with changes
- Concern is that a smaller event may not make a profit
- Sept. 1 is decision date for event
- Possible ideas: virtual silent auction, drive-thru for bread/country store items, smoked meat sales
- May be possible to move forward with reduced events
- Lauren and Russell will call a meeting of booth chairs to discuss further; will revisit at August vestry meeting

D. Junior Warden's Report—Ralph

--trees cut down by the lake

- chapel windows decaying/leaking, siding needs to be repaired; \$2750 bid given to make repairs  
--motion to accept the bid made by Bill, seconded by Will Morton, unanimously accepted by the vestry's vote
- landscaping—trees blocking view of new Chapel from current property; \$3900 bid given to remove these trees (may go over budget)  
--motion to accept the bid made by Ralph, seconded by Bill, unanimously approved by the vestry's vote
- flooring on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Ed Bldg—Sarah wants to replace floor in ½ of upstairs; change carpet using money in her budget and can lay the new flooring herself; this has already been approved by the finance committee

--motion to accept made by Will Morton, seconded by Sarabeth, unanimously approved by vestry's vote

E. Rector's Ramblings—Ben

- i. Reopening progress/modifications
  - Virus committee met after new executive order was issued by Gov Reeves; recommended continuing outside worship as we have already started; inside worship pushed past previously chosen date of July 26
  - Bishop recommends that parishes in outbreak counties (this includes Madison County) consider suspending services; 20 people total may be in attendance, including outside and in cars
  - Rev. Will suggested that we can gather in small groups in neighborhoods/yards/etc at scheduled times in addition to services on campus
  - Ben and Emily are looking into expanding live video options
  - Sarabeth suggested looking into professional video services
  - Bob wanted to strongly recommend that we continue meeting on campus
  - Sunday drive-in services will continue at 8 and 10 am; reservations will be needed—only 18 people per service
  - We will ask for volunteers to host Garden Eucharist at their homes during the week
- ii. Fundraising for furnishings/plaques
  - Parishioners could be given the chance to donate toward items in the new worship space; moving this to the “back burner” in light of current circumstances
  - Sarabeth suggested updating congregation about needs as well as a financial update as a whole
- iii. Discussion of departure receptions for Michael and Emily
  - Bob suggested waiting until new space is complete

IV. New Business/Committee Referrals

a. PDO questions—Tommy

--requested stats about PDO—enrollment, operating costs, etc

V. Adjourn

--motion to adjourn made by Bill, seconded by Bob, unanimously approved by the Vestry's vote

These minutes were approved by the Board of Directors