

**Meeting of the Vestry
The Chapel of the Cross
June 14, 2020 (via Zoom)**

Attendance:

Members present: Rev. Ben Robertson, Bob Williams (Sr. Warden), Ralph Stillions (Jr. Warden), Bill Buehner, Will Morton, Stan Herren, Tommy Roberson, Sarabeth Clark, Ellen O'Neal, Brock Haas, Rebecca Haas, Reggie Sims, Steve Middleton

Also present: Bishop Brian Seage

I. Opened in prayer by Rev. Ben Robertson

--Ben welcomed Bishop Seage and invited the Bishop to share his thoughts regarding re-opening

Bishop Seage's thoughts:

--stated that size of the church is a big consideration moving towards re-opening

--wanted to be clear that he views church as essential and that no one over age 65 is being told not to come to church, but they are higher risk

--masks are essential

--communion will be given with bread only and no going to the altar rail; this is not permanent and he hopes the restriction can be lifted soon

-- discussion of reopening plans with Bishop Seage followed

II. May Minutes/June Agenda

--no changes/edits to May minutes

--Motion to approve these minutes made by Stan, seconded by Tommy, approved unanimously by Vestry's vote

III. Old Business:

A. Finance Report—Brock Haas, treasurer

Not given due to time constraints; emailed to members of vestry previous to meeting

Ralph—motion to accept, Sarabeth seconded, approved by vestry's vote/Reggie abstains

B. Senior Warden report—Bob Williams

Shared list of co-chairs for Annual Council from Chapel of the Cross

C. Junior Warden report—Ralph Stillions

i. Landscaping for new worship space/church yard

Ralph asked to move these items to the July agenda because of time constraints

D. Rector's Ramblings—Rev. Ben Robertson

Motion made to go into executive session made by Sarabeth, seconded by Tommy, unanimous vestry vote

i. Mr. Jackson's EEOC complaint discussed

Motion made to exit executive session made by Tommy, several seconded, unanimous vestry vote

ii. Reopening Policies

--Ben shared background of policy draft

- individuals over 65 and vulnerable populations
 - Sarabeth is concerned that conditions are listed specifically; Ellen echoed these concerns
 - bullet points listing specific conditions were removed and wording was changed
- all participants over age 2 wearing masks
 - strongly encouraged; Will M. asked what ushers should do if someone refuses
 - ushers should request, but that person will not be asked to leave; wording was changed
- seating
 - 45 in Chapel w/current social distancing guidelines in place
 - possible seating could be opened up in Parish Hall
 - 1 or 2 pews kept available for visitors
- bread only communion
 - Reggie feels strongly that the cup should be offered for those who want it; Bishop Seage expressed that this is not an option at this time
- Vestry member will be available to discuss questions with parishioners
- Tommy moved to accept these policies; Will M. seconded, approved unanimously by vestry's vote

iii. Reopening Plan

--Ben shared that, based on the survey, only about 1/3 of parishioners want to return for services at this time; he wants to provide a way for all parishioners to feel safe

--discussion of drive-in services; Ralph feels that reservations are not needed for drive-in services

--Tommy suggested a 9 a.m. outdoor service and a 5:30 pm drive in service; Stan suggested starting this July 5, not July 19 as originally proposed

--7/12 service changed to outdoor service/hybrid (some outside, some in cars)

--7/26 service changed to indoor service

- Stan moved to approve date changes and post signage about the playground; seconded by Tommy, approved unanimously by vestry's vote
- Stan moved to approve PDO's waiver/plan, Rebecca seconded, approved by vestry's vote/Reggie abstained

iv. Linens

--Motion made by Bob to allow altar guild purchases for new space, seconded by Will M., unanimously approved by vestry's vote

v. BCPs and hymnals for new chapel

--400 hymnals, 400 prayer books in planned order

--Ralph motioned to accept planned order, Tommy seconded, approved by

vestry's vote

IV. New Business

None

V. Adjourn

Sarabeth moved to adjourn, seconded by Will Morton, unanimously approved by the vestry's vote

Minutes prepared by Ashley Herden, Clerk

These minutes were approved by the Board of Directors
