

Emergency Vestry Meeting

January 10, 2021 (Via Zoom)

Present: Rev. Ben Robertson, Ashley Herden, Sarabeth Clark, Bob Williams, Stan Herren, Steve Middleton, Reggie Sims, Bill Buhner, Ellen O'Neal, Ralph Stillions, Will Morton, Rev. Will Compton, Rebecca Haas

Absent: Tommy Roberson

I. Welcome/Prayer—Rev. Ben Robertson

II. Annual Meeting

a. Background

--Annual Meeting is required by bylaws to be held as close to January 1 as possible, traditionally the Sunday before Annual Council

--we can gather outside, meet via Zoom, or delay

--a quorum is 40 people

b. Discussion

--Bob suggested waiting until there are pews in the new space (around February 15); also pointed out that the Bear Creek Water situation has not yet resolved—may want to keep current vestry in place to handle that

--Sarabeth added that vaccine doses have to be given 3 weeks apart; suggested 50 people in cars if January 24 (original planned date) is the goal, or later in February when more people have had both vaccine doses

--Reggie suggested using a large tent with heaters for 50 people so an in-person quorum can meet, along with people in cars—votes could be manually collected from cars

--Ellen suggested freezing the current vestry; based on her work with Dr. Dobbs, March might be the earliest we could meet fully in-person

--according to bylaws, we can't do mail-in ballots

--could video reports to inform parishioners, but postpone meeting/voting to a later date

--Annual Council will be held January 29/30; will be fully virtual

--Ellen made motion to indefinitely postpone Annual Meeting per the bylaws until a practicable time; seconded by Will Morton, unanimously approved by the vestry's vote

--reports will be held until Annual Meeting; bylaws don't prevent us from doing that

Motion to adjourn made by Sarabeth, seconded by Reggie, unanimously approved by the vestry's vote

Minutes prepared by Ashley Herden