

**ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**Vestry Meeting – Zoom**  
**March 15, 2021**

**Present:** K. Lewis+, J. Baker, J. Bryce, D. Clark, G. Crabtree, S. Henderson, J. Irwin, S. LeDuc, M. McKee, D. Parks, M. Schulte, G. Sutton, S. Boron – Secretary. **Guests:** Theresa Milne, Bob Merriman  
**Absent:** M. Hart

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by K. Lewis+. Devotions were given by S. LeDuc.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

**Added to the Agenda - In Person Worship** - moved it first on the Agenda.

**Remove from the Agenda - Mission & Values Interviews**

**M. Schulte moved to accept the revised agenda. Support by D. Parks. Motion carried.**

**In Person Worship:** Bishop Perry and the Bishops of Michigan unexpectedly gave notice this afternoon that the Episcopal Churches of the State of Michigan can return to in person worship on Palm Sunday. The Bishops of Michigan have previously used guidelines for reentry based on covid19 cases current in Michigan counties. It appears the previous criteria has been revised. There is a concern about the current number of Michigan counties who have elevated cases of covid 19. There is much preparation needed for in person worship. K. Lewis+ stated that time and current plans in place will not allow St. Paul's to go back to in person worship for Holy Week. Easter Sunday is possible as the first in person worship service. Two services could be scheduled: 8:30 & 10:30 or 9 and 11. Discussion explored plans pro and con for the return to in person worship on Easter. Plans should include in person or the possible of cancelation by the Bishops. A rehearsal for Easter would be held on the 27<sup>th</sup>. The Vestry was asked to review the Logistic Task Force plan of 2020. B. Merriman will communicate any needed revisions to the 2020 plan. Communications Task Force will meet with Logistics for pre planning and any revisions. Communication to the congregation needs to be soon as Bishop Perry has publically announced in person worship. Registration for attendance should soon begin. The Jot Form as prepared in 2020 is still current. There will be a need to assign who will fulfill various roles / duties to assist with the service. A sexton will not be available for cleaning between the Easter services. St. Paul's occupancy is 300. 25% is 75 attendees. The percentage of attendance has not been finalized. It is important to communicate to the congregation the differences in worship in advance of attendance. Masks, social distancing, no wine, bread only, no congregational singing, and no sharing the peace are the main differences. A video to define how things will be different was suggested. The Sunday after Easter there will be only one service in the Sanctuary. On line services will continue when there are in person services. There are parishioners who would be very upset if St. Paul's does not return to in person services since the Bishops have granted permission for in person worship. It was pointed out that being at St. Paul's is probably safer than other public places like grocery stores or other public venues.

**Consensus** was reached by individual survey to have Easter as the first in person worship service with two services at 9 and 11 am. Office hours are to be determined. Small groups can now meet at the church.

The guests left the meeting.

**Consent Agenda:**

- Minutes for February 15, 2021 Vestry Meeting

- Treasurers Report – Handout #1
- Ministry Reports - none

**M. Schulte moved the acceptance of the consent agenda. Support by S. LeDuc. Motion carried.**

**Correspondence & Clergy Report: K. Lewis+**

- The Yale class completed successfully. K. Lewis+ has enrolled in a 4 week class in April comparing Easter and Passover.
- A Memorial service at the Bryce home to honor Terry Bryce last week.
- Karlene Bach's funeral service was over a week ago.

**Discussion Items:**

- Update on Pledge Thank you notes: some are done and others will continue.
- Vestry Retreat: On hold for now.
- May 9, 2021 service at Frances Moore Park: there will be 2 services at 9 and 11 am. There is concern about those who register and don't attend as happened in 2020.
- Exploring Our Most Powerful Experiences in the Community – will be delayed until the April meeting.

**Action Items:**

- Approve 2020 Parochial report: (Handout #2) The report requires Vestry approval. **M. Schulte moved to approve the report. Support by G. Crabtree. Motion carried.**
- April 19 vestry meeting will be in person at 6:30 without a meal.

**Financial Report:** Treasurer J. Irwin shared his screen with the current Financial Report and explained how to read a financial report.

**Adjournment & Closing Prayer:** The meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm. **D. Parks moved to adjourn the meeting. Support by J. Bryce. Motion carried.**

**Next Vestry meeting – April 19, 2021** Devotions by D. Parks.

Respectively Submitted by  
Sarah J. Boron, Secretary

**Handouts:**

- Treasurers Report – Handout # 1
- Parochial Report – Handout #2