

**Holy Cross Episcopal Church**  
**Vestry Meeting Minutes**  
**October 20, 2021**

Members Present: Adam Alphin, Krista Anderson, John Bennett, Michael Cobb, Carl Danielson, Dan Morton, Lee Stroud, John Weisz, Kathy Welliver

Members Absent: Trevor Hursthouse

Guest: Ellen Wells, Holy Cross Financial Manager; Jerry Gallagher, Lead Supply Priest; John Sosnowski, visiting priest

The meeting was called to order by Carl Danielson, Sr. Warden, at 6:30.

Carl opened the meeting with prayer.

Clerk Report: The minutes from the September meeting were sent out before earlier. There being no corrections, the September minutes were approved.

Financial Report: Taking into account prepaid pledges and the PPP, we have approximately a \$5,000 surplus now and should break even at the end of the year. Closing cost of our refinancing, \$6,700, will be reflected in October's financial report. Michael Cobb made a motion to accept the financial report. Dan Morton seconded the motion. With no opposition, the motion was approved.

2021 Stewardship Campaign: Adam Alphin and John Bennett will get together soon to finalize plans for the campaign.

Marketing Committee: Heather Wilson is chairing this committee (Ellen Wells, Chuck Harrill, Carl Danielson, Jonathan Graves). Heather would like to video parishioners answering questions on November 21 following the 10:15 service. Adam will use these videos to create a promotional video that highlights Holy Cross and post on various social media platforms. Include children and young people.

Team Budgets: Ellen reminded team heads that their budgets need to be given to Trevor as soon as possible.

Covid-19 Policy: Carl has received numerous comments regarding the Covid-19 policy at Holy Cross. In light of Bishop Skirving's new Covid-19 guidance and the steady decrease in the positivity rate in New Hanover County, the vestry adjusted the following guidance:

- St. Francis Way is open to all activities. Michael Cobbb made a motion that St. Francis Way should be considered an open air/outdoor activity and is exempt from the mandatory mask requirement. Dan seconded the motion.
- Outdoor social activities are permitted. Masks are now optional for when outside.
- Coffee Hour may resume. We understand that masks must removed to enjoy coffee, we ask that you be mindful of your proximity to others when talking and not wearing a mask.
- Game Night may resume with masks and without food and beverage.

- Masks are still mandated inside and during worship. Those speaking from the lectern (readers, Prayers of the People, VPoD) and the priest delivering the sermon, may remove their masks while speaking. The priest is also able to remove the masks during the homily.
- The band will continue to wear masks.

Regarding overall masks requirements outside; all may, some should, none must. It also needs to be understood that we will continue to monitor the status of Covid-19 in our area.

The vestry unanimously approved all of the adjustments.

Holy Eucharist: The vestry had a lengthy discussion on the proposals the Bishop regarding putting wine back in the Eucharist celebration. Information from other parishes in the Deanery regarding adding wine was shared by Lee Stroud. Jerry Gallagher felt at this time that he would prefer to continue giving up the wine until it is safer to share a common cup. We can continue to share the bread. John Bennett shared his story and would be in favor of continuing with the bread and waiting a bit longer on making a decision regarding wine. The decision was unanimously made to continue with bread only and we would revisit the topic next month.

Bulletin: The following options were presented:

- Continue using the whole service 12-page bulletin we are currently using
- Use a 1-page bulletin referencing page numbers in the BCP and Song Book
- Purchasing an additional screen and showing the entire service and music on the screens

We could look at a combination of these options. Vestry members voiced their views on this topic. It was suggested that music be on the screen for a while. Most vestry members were in favor of using the shorter bulletin and trying the screens.

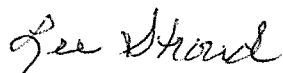
Copier update: The vestry must vote on the copier contract at this meeting. Michael asked about the information by Ellen. Ellen recommended we go with 5,000 black and white copies and 500 color copies per month. This would save us about \$434 in a year. The contract renews in March so we wouldn't be tied to this for too long. Michael Cobb moved to accept the 5,000 b/w and 500 color copies for the next 6 months. Adam Alphin seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Check-in calls with parishioners: Ellen explained the setup of the directory. There are approximately 112 families to contact. Directory pages were distributed to vestry members. Ellen sent out questions for conversation to use during these calls. Suggestions were made by vestry members. Lee Stroud agreed to send a Phone Guide to each vestry member.

Vestry candidates/Annual Meeting: Carl reminded us we are looking for 5 candidates for vestry. We have two parishioners that have submitted the form to serve on vestry, I have sent the form to someone, and Michael Cobb has spoken to two people.

8:05 The vestry goes into Executive Session

Respectfully submitted,



Lee Stroud