

The March 16, 2021 vestry meeting of Emmanuel Episcopal Church was called to order via Zoom with reflection and prayer at 5:35 p.m. St. Ignatius of Antioch says "It is fitting to not only be called Christians but also to be Christians." If we had yard signs about Emmanuel, what would they say?

Members present: Lark Adams, Megan Clark, Janet Jayne, Ed Powers, Daniel Shew, Candy Snodgrass, Cher Young, Dave Zochowski. Clergy: Rev. Joe Dunagan. Staff members: Kristie McElheny, Adriel Slaughter, Stephanie Yoder.

Members absent: Charlie Christ Jo Anne Hairston, Scott Lamie

Guests: Rachel Morgan

The minutes from the February 9, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved.

Rector – Fr. Joe Dunagan

- Average attendance for February: 13 in person Saturday vigil/Sunday and 102 livestream; 5 Weekday; 14 in person at noon Ash Wednesday, 21 at 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday and 77 livestream.
- Usable Endowment income for 2021 has been calculated. Fr Joe recommended the following: 1) Donation to Mtn. Mission School from Mission Endowment as they are still greatly impacted by the pandemic and 2) Tuition assistance for Dustin Ashely for Emmanuel seminary at Milligan from Scholarship endowment.
- The Centennial of the building is this year. Late summer or early fall seems to be our best option as the organ and pews will be completed, the pandemic might be waning, and the weather is best that time of year.
- Easter Sunday service at 10:30 may exceed the number we can manage safely. Fr. Joe suggested that particular service should be a livestream only to protect the health of parishioners. After discussion the vestry was in agreement.
- Pierce Elliott resigned his seat with the vestry. Motion was made by Candy Snodgrass to nominate Rachel Morgan to fulfill the vacated vestry seat of Pierce Elliott. Second provided by Ed Powers. Motion passed unanimously.
- Financials for the month of February were reviewed and are attached to the minutes.

Senior Warden – Candy Snodgrass

- We would like to put together a task force to revamp the guidelines for Endowment. Pierce Elliott has volunteered to serve. Rachel Morgan volunteered to serve as well.
- The Centennial Celebration. Rachel Morgan, Janet Jayne, Ed Powers, and Daniel Shew have offered their services to assist planning. The celebration will be in September.
- The Annual Parish Meeting – we have been discussing having the meeting via Zoom on Thursday, April 22 at 5:30. It will be announced at all services and in the PEW with a link to the zoom event. The primary purpose of this meeting will be to elect the next vestry class. Ten percent of the active congregation must participate in the meeting for the diocese to consider it a valid election. Motion made by Candy Snodgrass to have a virtual parish meeting on Thursday, April 22 at 5:30. Second provided by Ed Powers. Motion passed unanimously.

Junior Warden – Dave Zochowski

- Howell Cross should be done with the pews by Easter.
- Undercroft update: The leak has been fixed, but the walls still need to be framed and finished and new flooring needs to be installed. Charlie Christ provided a quote from Carpet Mart and is attached to the minutes. Dave Zochowski procured a verbal quote from Fogleman Flooring: 1250 square feet of flooring comparable to that from Carpet Mart would cost approximately \$7,500 which is more cost effective. Motion by Dave Zochowski to request from Endowment \$10,000 to frame, sheet rock, and finish walls, and install new flooring in the undercroft. Second provided by Candy Snodgrass. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer – Daniel Shew

- No report. Financials provided during the rector's report.

Secretary – Lark Adams. No report.

Staff Reports

Organist and Choir Director – Stephanie Yoder.

- Provided a slide show update of the organ project.

Director of Formation Ministries – Adriel Slaughter

- CGS continues to meet via Zoom - we have been reading scripture from Psalms to the weekly lectionary and making a craft together, which has had varying degrees of success.
- Youth continue to meet asynchronously - I have been making weekly videos since the end of Jan and sending them out Sunday. They are based on the weekly lectionary and during Lent, there is a corresponding tangible object to aid reflection, from shells to sand to rocks and so on.
- I have one more CGS training to complete and if all goes according to plan, this is paid for other than travel/lodging expenses. This depends on the Atlanta diocese protocols related to pandemic meetings - I will know more in the next couple of months about this plan (the training is in June).
- I have signed up for a couple of continuing education workshops on Faith Formation, one this week and one in May.
- At this time, the plan is to continue to meet virtually. Assuming we maintain our downward trends, it is likely we will be able to resume in person meetings by September. To that end, I will need to enlist volunteers to assist with both CGS and youth, so I will be in touch with families and friends at Emmanuel in the coming months.

Parish Administrator – Kristie McElheny

- The parochial report was completed and submitted to the diocese on February 26.
- Finalized the exit from ACS and backed up all documentation since the program was originally implemented.
- 2020 Audit with David Warren will begin sometime in May. No changes to financial processes until after the audit is complete.
- Our Payroll Protection Loan was approved for forgiveness.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.