

The September 14, 2021 vestry meeting of Emmanuel Episcopal Church was called to order by Fr. Joe Dunagan with reflection and prayer for the whole human family at 5:34 p.m.

Members present: Megan Clark (via zoom) Seth Graham, Rachel Morgan, Scott Lamie (via Zoom), Ed Powers, Candy Snodgrass, Cher Young. Clergy: The Rev. Joe Dunagan. Staff members: Kristie M^cElheny, Adriel Slaughter, Stephanie Yoder.

Members absent: Sharon Eisenhart, Jo Anne Hairston, Janet Jayne, Daniel Shew, Dave Zochowski.

The minutes from the August 10, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved.

Rector – Fr. Joe Dunagan

- August 2021 attendance: Livestream 117; Wednesday's 9.
- Tom and Becca Davenport are donating four folding teak chairs for use in the patio in memory of Dr. Sarfraz Zaidi and Lynn Powers.
- Blessing of the animals will be Sunday, October 3 at 4:00 p.m. on the patio.
- The annual meeting will be Sunday, November 14 at 9:00 a.m.
- We need to hire an additional nursery worker to replace Stephanie Green when we get back to being able to have children in the nursery.
- Fr. Joe expressed his gratitude to everyone who showed up to assist with Margaret Kearfott's funeral. Due to the large number of COVID cases in this area, our instructions will now be that families should have the obituary state that attendance will be limited to 50 and we will provide a livestream if ministers ("stream team") are available.
- Motion by Candy Snodgrass to approve the 2022 budget. Second provided by Rachel Morgan. Motion passed unanimously.
- Vestry meetings will now be the 2nd Wednesday of each month beginning in October.
- Rhythm and Roots parking – the lots were not well respected and required our Sextons to clean the lots. Fr. Joe would like to have a more permanent way to control who is using the lots. We will specifically work on a way to close off the James Street entrance. Possibility of installing security cameras was discussed.
- Mountain Mission School Choir have been invited here to sing on October 23.

Senior Warden – Candy Snodgrass

- The nominating committee needs to begin work for the vestry election in November. Nominees should be active communicants and "known to the treasurer." Please speak to Fr. Joe about anyone you would place for candidacy prior to talking to that individual.
- Janet Jayne requested that Candy Snodgrass ask if the Messenger could be reinstated. Several options were discussed.
- Met with Rachel Morgan about the 100th Anniversary Celebration. There is concern about having a gathering with our increased COVID cases locally. The spring may be a better time to attempt the event. Ed Powers suggested a video be produced about the history of the church. Candy Snodgrass asked Fr. Joe to speak with the elderly he visits about their memories of the parish.
- We now only need \$30,358 in donations to meet the organ fund goal.

Junior Warden – Dave Zochowski, no report.

Treasurer – Daniel Shew, no report.

Secretary – Seth Graham, no report.

Staff Reports

Organist and Choir Director – Stephanie Yoder

- Choir has been back in the chancel but we will take it weekly based on COVID. Stephanie feels having the choir present during service is advantageous in leading hymns and service music, it is uplifting being together again, and promotes a sense of joy and camaraderie among the choir. Motion by Ed Powers to limit the number of total people in the chancel during a service to 8 including Fr. Joe, Stephanie and Chris Yoder, and Nathan Jones. Second provided by Rachel Morgan. Motion passed unanimously.
- The vestry prefers that all choir members be vaccinated, wear masks, and be socially distanced while singing.

Director of Formation Ministries – Adriel Slaughter

- Zoom CGS ongoing

- One on ones with CGS families
- Video series (Aristotle / Aquinas & substance)

Parish Administrator – Kristie M^cElheny

- The outdoor sign has been updated.
- Parish Directory is now online. The vestry was provided with access to the directory prior to making it available parish wide.

Old Business – none.

New Business – none.

- Due to safety issues with the retaining wall in the alley outside the kitchen, Ed Power is going to place a chain at the Cumberland Street entrance to the alley to keep anyone from parking there.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Upcoming Vestry meetings

Wednesday, October 13

Wednesday, November 10

Sunday, November 14, 9:00 a.m. Annual Parish Meeting