

## St. Mark's Vestry Special Meeting

6:30 PM      March 23, 2021

Present: Susie Hebert, Lee Leaman, Dwayne Dawlearn, Jon Eiche, Melissa Hamon, Chris Abbott, Michelle D'Antuono, Jeanne Reeves, Charlie Phillips, and Elisa Hughes who joined by audio at 7:18

Absent: None

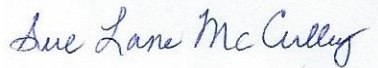
Note: This meeting is a special meeting to discuss the church's going forward in view of the Covid vaccine now available. Therefore, the regular agenda was not followed.

1. The Reverend Susie Hebert opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:33 PM.
2. The Reverend Susie Hebert made the following announcements:
  - a. According to the Bishop's Phase II protocols— churches are expected to worship indoors by Easter, but must wear masks, maintain physical distancing rule of 6 to 10 feet spacing, and be free of Covid symptoms.
  - b. One-fourth of Fort Bend County is on track for vaccination goals for the next two weeks.
  - c. The church is on track with the Bishop's protocols, and we hope to provide wine by intinction by Easter.
3. The Reverend Susie Hebert divided the members into groups to make suggestions about specific topics as follows:
  - a. Michelle D'Antuono and Michelle Hamon—Outside Meals, Events.
  - b. Jeanne Reeves and Dwayne Dawlearn—Outreach
  - c. Lee Leaman and Elisa Hughes—Men's and Women's Groups
  - d. Chris Abbott and Charlie Phillips—Welcome Committee and Ushering
  - e. Jon Eiche and Susie Hebert—Worship
4. The groups met and offered the following suggestions:
  - a. Men's and Women's Groups—Elisa Hughes said that the ECW is meeting April 8, so she deferred any announcements until after that meeting. She did say, however, that a women's retreat later in the year is a strong possibility. Lee Leaman suggested that the Men's Group sell hamburger plates for a donation to a non profit organization. He noted the need for a vestry representative at church. Also, Jose will bring palmetto leaves for Sunday.
  - b. Outside Worship—Melissa Hamon suggested a picnic and games on St. Mark's Sunday, April 24. She also mentioned reviving the dinner groups. For Pentecost, she suggested a Taco Party, and finally, a Hawaiian shirt or a crazy hat contest for Mother's Day or Father's Day. Jon Eiche added that perhaps roses could be handed out on Mother's Day.
  - c. Outreach—Jeanne Reeves reported that someone from the Methodist Church is in charge of Lunches of Love, but St. Mark's will participate. She wishes to continue Family Promise dinners and is requesting menu suggestions.
  - d. Welcome Committee and Ushering—The Reverend Susie Hebert will send out an email about ushering. Chris Abbott believes that it is time to make more personal contact by telephoning parishioners as opposed to only sending out emails.
  - e. Worship—The Reverend Susie Hebert said that beginning Palm Sunday, intinction will begin and that both services will be brought inside. Chris Abbott objected on the grounds that it was perhaps too early, and The Reverend Susie Hebert and Jon Eiche acceded to that

request, and agreed to continue 8 a.m. services outside for the present. Jon Eiche offered the idea that the first three rows of seats, in the sanctuary, properly marked with spaces, could be reinstalled.

5. Other questions and answers followed the reports.
  - a. Jon Eiche asked if there could be a wine share? Would Melissa Hamon coordinate it?
  - b. Jeanne Reeves asked if there were plans for the patio. Jon Eiche said that the patio is in the next phase of beautification of the campus.
  - c. Michelle D'Antuono noted the need to reach out to the families of the school children.
  - d. Lee Leaman and Jon Eiche expressed their hopes for a Holiday Concert
  - e. Chris Abbott asked if Hannah, the Youth Minister, had long term plans for the youth.
  - f. Lee Leaman said that he hoped vestry could meet in May and perhaps take a break over the summer months.
  - g. Chris Abbott has already worked out programs for the fall. She promoted the winter storm relief fund through the diocese for the community.
  - h. The next regularly meeting will fall on April. 20. Should it be in-person in the sanctuary scattered about, outside on the patio beginning at 5:30, or by Zoom? No decision was made at this time.
6. The Reverend Susie Hebert closed the meeting with a prayer at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Lane McCulley

May 10, 2021