

March 2021 - Vestry Minutes Holy Cross Episcopal Church

Present: Father Deke, Donna Brilliant, Sally Covey, Kevin Savage, Eddie Kirchner, America Ingram, Jim Legee, Kim Rex, Heidi White, Barbara Schobl-Legee; and via Zoom: Charlie Soule, Mike and Lura Peters, Deacon Betty Harrison

1. Father Deke opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Approval of Minutes: Mike Peters made a motion to approve the February minutes as presented. Eddie Kirchner seconded the motion and all members approved.
3. Treasurer's Report: Charlie went over the monthly report and overall we are in good shape. An audit is in process. Donna Brilliant made a motion to accept the February report as presented; Jim Legee made the second and all approved without dissent.
4. Vicar's Report: Fr. Deke discussed having a July 4th celebration to include a meal (cookout type) and the fireworks at Dundee. The Vestry will do a phone tree to contact all parishioners.

A. Ministry Opportunities:

1. Fr. Deke is exploring a food pantry option with Mirtha and gathering information from St. Alban's food pantry.
2. Jobs for Life is seeking students for the class to mentor applicants. Fr. Deke will be teaching one of the classes.
3. Care packages for homeless – can donate dollars, some items or fill complete bags. List is on weekly announcements.

B. Holy Week Planning: A full week of services is being planned to include Stations of the Cross (outside), Maundy Thursday, Good Friday (noon and 6pm), Easter Vigil and Sunday morning services.

5. Senior Warden Report: Research will be done to incorporate “Jesus was a Carpenter” within the Black community with possible involvement with Habitat for Humanity.

A. VBS - We have the material and planning is in process.

B. Memorial Garden – Sally will talk to Deacon Betty about the design for the garden and Scouts will be contacted to see if 4/24 can be scheduled for the work day.

6. Junior Warden Report: Sprinklers are being repaired. Fr. Deke requested that wheels be added to the altar in the Parish Hall.

A. Completion of shed: The shelving is finished and items are being stored in bins which will need to be marked for the contents.

B. Water Bill: We received a \$862.31 water bill due to a broken pipe. The repair cost \$175. We are hoping for an adjustment to the bill from the city of Winter Haven.

7. Old Business: The AED machine needs to be updated and Heidi is researching the possibility of a grant. The cost is \$925 -1275.

8. New Business: Heidi noted that we are signed up for Amazon Smile which will donate a percentage of all sales to Holy Cross by those who designate it as a charity when they purchase items through Amazon. See weekly announcements for details.

A. Kevin made a motion and Eddie seconded to officially elect Charlie Soule as Treasurer and Donna Brilliant as Secretary. The motion passed without dissent.

B. Safeguarding God’s People: Heidi will send login information for this class and one on anti-racism. This is required for all vestry members.

9. Motion to Adjourn: Kevin made a motion to adjourn and this was seconded by Eddie. All voted in favor. The meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

The next meeting is Tuesday, April 20th, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.