

**ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
608 WEST JEFFERSON STREET
TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI 38804**

**MINUTES OF
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2020
VESTRY MEETING VIA "ZOOM"**

PRESENT:

The Rev. Phillip Parker		Mark Maharrey
Deanna Alford, Sr. Warden	Harry Dieckmann	
Fred Cannon, Jr. Warden	Anna Fleming	Kamme Riddle
Mike Fitzpatrick, Treasurer	Stan Furr	
Tommie Moore, Clerk	Mickey Gray	Paul White

ABSENT: Art Chambers, Michelle Hester, Stephen King, Mary Jane Meadows, Cathy Sparks, Manuela Wilson.

The Rev. Phillip Parker opened the meeting via ZOOM, with a prayer at 6:07 p.m.

CHECK IN

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- Lee County Library request
- Gift from Ken Priest

CONSENT AGENDA:

- April 2020 Financial reports
- April 20, 2020 Vestry Minutes
- May 11, 2020 Executive Committee Minutes
- Jr. Warden report
- Sr. Warden report
- Rector report

MOTION: (Riddle/Furr)

Approve Consent Agenda as submitted.

APPROVED.

BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report

Mike reported that parishioners continued to support the church financially during April. He

noted that while we did see a drop in giving of about \$5,000 from budget, we were again able to make it through the month without tapping the Payroll Protection Program funds. This was largely possible due to reduced utility costs and a delayed billing from Church Mutual for our quarterly property insurance premium. Mike advised that several parishioners have gifted a portion of their stimulus check to All Saints' and parishioners are utilizing the online giving option on our website.

MOTION: (Furr/Alford)

Approve Treasurer's report as given.

APPROVED.

Seminary support for Rufus Van Horn

Phillip reported that he has not received any information from Rufus regarding his financial aid package from Sewanee. Phillip will help with a housing deposit from his discretionary fund. The Vestry decided to table this matter until further information can be obtained.

MOTION: (Furr/Dieckmann)

Table considering seminarian support for Rufus Van Horn until more information can be obtained.

APPROVED.

Discussion of suspending MUTEH rent

Phillip noted that the discussion and subsequent vote taken concerning suspending MUTEH'S rent during the Corona Virus Pandemic resulted in a tied vote - 7 for and 7 against. Phillip reported that MUTEH is operating with grant funds, that were awarded earlier this year and they continue to store items in the Christian Education office. After a discussion, the following motion was submitted:

MOTION: (Alford/Cannon)

Continue charging rent to MUTEH each month, with the option of considering at a later date, donating a portion or all of the rent collected during the Pandemic to be used for the purchase of supplies for MUTEH.

APPROVED.

"A Time to Reflect"

Deanna advised that she has made prints of a photo she took and named "A Time to Reflect". She would like to offer the prints for sale for \$25 each and donate the money raised to Saints' Brew and the building fund (the building that houses Saints' Brew). She would advertise the sale primarily through Facebook. Deanna will be responsible for collecting the money and distributing the prints to the public.

MOTION: (Cannon/Riddle)

Approve "A Time to Reflect" fundraiser with prints being offered for sale for \$25 each. Deanna Alford will be responsible for collecting money and distributing the prints. The money received from this fundraiser will be split between Saints' Brew and the building that houses Saints' Brew (Building Fund).

APPROVED.

Water use by Lee County Library

Fred advised that Jeff Tomlinson is working with the Boy Scouts on a project to paint a mural on the retaining wall of the Library that faces All Saints'. Jeff advised that the Library does not have a water source in which to power wash the wall prior to the painting and Jeff asked if they could borrow our water source to complete that part of the project. After a brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: (Furr/Dieckmann)

Allow the Lee County Library the use of our water source to power wash the retaining wall that faces All Saints'.

APPROVED.

Gift from Ken Priest

Phillip advised that before he died, Ken Priest asked his sister to donate an art piece from him to All Saints'. Ken's sister presented Phillip with the framed piece of art after Ken's funeral.

MOTION: (Dieckmann/Cannon)

Accept the gift of art, with deep gratitude for the life and generosity of Ken Priest.

APPROVED.

CHECK OUT

A discussion was held about resuming worship services at All Saints'. Phillip advised that Bishop Seage has not set a hard date yet as to when he will allow in-person worship services to resume. Phillip hopes to have more information this week. Phillip suggested having some type of outside altar that could be used for outdoor services. Mark Maharrey offered to see if Troop 85 might be interested in pursuing this idea as part of a scout/eagle project.

Marsha Kiste, owner of Pathway Montessori School, contacted one of the Vestry members to inquire about when she could reopen the school that is housed at All Saints'. It was suggested that Marsha contact the Mississippi State Department of Health for guidelines in reopening and contact Phillip with that information.

With no further business, The Rev. Phillip Parker closed the Vestry meeting with a prayer at 7:07 p.m.

Submitted by Tommie Moore, Clerk of the Vestry

ATTACHMENTS TO THE MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING:

April 2020 financial reports and Bookkeeper's report

April 20, 2020 Vestry minutes

May 11, 2020 Executive Committee minutes

“A Time to Reflect” photograph