

**ST MARK'S LOGO:**



Minutes of the Vestry

March 13, 2020

The Rector called a special meeting of the Vestry conducted via conference call to discuss the postponement of the Annual Meeting and closure of the church because of COVID-19.

Present by telephone were:

Clergy: Michele Morgan, Rector

Wardens: Ryan Baugh, Sr. Warden

Vestry: Jim Brooks, Brandon Knight, Amber Macdonald, Andrew Stafford,, Tracy Council, Shay Wayer

Officers: Kim Bayliss- Register, John Edwards – Treasurer

Opening Prayer: Offered by Sr. Warden, Ryan Baugh

The cancellation of the Annual Meeting scheduled for March 15 and the closure of St Mark's and all churches in the EDOW requires the Vestry to consider what to do about the 3 Vestry Members whose terms expire on 3/15. Several options were discussed.

1. Interpret the by-laws provision on "Vestry Vacancies" to permit the appointment of new Vestry Members. These new members could be ratified at the Annual Meeting when it is rescheduled.
2. Vestry Counsel recommended either a) allowing the three members whose terms have expired to leave resulting in 6 vestry members, or b) allowing the three members whose terms expire to remain on the Vestry temporarily until the Annual Meeting and election can occur.

MOTION: Tracy Council moved to direct the Rector to request a legal opinion from the Counsel on the status of the Vestry Class of 2020 and to recommend alternatives for the election or appointment of new members. Amber Macdonald seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Ryan

Baugh, Amber Macdonald, Andrew Stafford, Brandon Knight, Jim Brooks, Shay Waye, and Tracy Council.

Rectors Report: Michele seeks input on the use of the online video conference platform ZOOM. The 3/22 service will be held online via St. Mark's Facebook page. Michele will be sending out a survey to see what people's expectations are during the closure. The staff are all working remotely and checking in daily. Pastoral care for the next 2 weeks will be via telephone only. Michele and Josie Jordan will be reaching out to elders and vulnerable congregants.

ACTION: Amber moves to re-elect John Edwards Treasurer and Kim Bayliss Register so that their terms do not expire during the closure. Shay Waye seconded the motion which was approved.

The Rector offered the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned.