

## VESTRY MINUTES

St. James' Parish, Waimea, Hawai'i Island

Topic: May Vestry Meeting

Time: May 26, 2021 12:30 PM Hawaii VIA ZOOM

Present: Ian Hersey, Scott Byron, Linda Lundgren+, Frankie Pang (Jr. Warden), Martha Massey, Marnie Keator +, John Stover Michael Thompson (Treasurer), Jeannie Savage (Sr. Warden), Sharon Alfonso, David Stout+

The Vestry Meeting began at 12:30 PM with a session with the Listening Team of Diocese to provide space to discern emerging concerns, needs, and longings, as well as celebrate joyful successes as we emerge from the pandemic.

- 1) At 1:25 PM the Clergy and Jaisy joined the meeting. David+ opened the meeting with a review of the minutes from April 28, 2021 meeting. Jeannie made motion to accept with small corrections noted, Martha seconded.
- 2) Keiki, Youth, & 'Ohana Ministries
  - i) Keiki, Youth, & 'Ohana Ministries Coordinator position. David + asked Vestry to consider we increase the position to full time (40) hours. It will only be a \$13,500 increase from the part time position that was previously posted. We did not receive any applicants when the position was posted as a part-time position. David+ asked the Vestry if they are willing to entertain the possibility of rewriting the job description for a full-time position and add to that description Junior and Senior high school students along with service projects (ie: with Thrift Store and Community Meal Ministries) and working with families in Parenting 101, 'Ohana Relationships (Keiki, Youth and Family Ministries). Vestry unanimously supported David's request.
- 3) Outreach, Youth, & 'Ohana Ministries (Fellowships)
  - a) Community Meals
    - i) Community Meal – St. James'
      - (1) Sue Dela Cruz on vacation from July 22-August 20. Gregory, Tim & Mel, and Jane will be covering while she is away. See attached report.
      - (2) Mahalo to Tim Bostock for continuing to secure grants to help fund this ministry.
  - b) Thrift Store Ministry – Jeanne Savage - We continue to be blessed by this ministry!
    - i) Quilts for graduates have been secured and are in transit. Mahalo to Irene Kubo all the work to make this happen! How and when to present to graduates being determined.
  - c) Tooth Bus remaining until end of May. The Tooth Bus would like to make a donation to the grounds as they noticed that the grass may need some re-seeding.
- 4) Worship --"The Heart of all we do and are"

"The life of Christian faith is the practice of many practices." - *Craig Dykstra*

"[God] meets us where we are, as creatures of habit who are shaped by practices, and invites us into a community of practice that is the very body of His Son. Liturgy is the way we learn to 'put on' Christ (Col.3:12-16)" (p.69 of *"You are what you love"* by James K. Smith). David+ is so hopeful and so excited about coming back into worship with each other, being able to exchange the peace with each other in person and see the smiles behind the mask is going to be so wonderful. There will be more information to come once we receive direction from the Bishop.

  - a) Two baptisms took place this past weekend! Emily Cook and Anna Mills.
  - b) Streaming online from beach is going seamless (Praise God! and mahalo to Bobby for efforts made with company the manufacturers the device that allows us to do so).
  - c) St. Columba's Congregation this Summer.

- d) Linda+ and Bob will be leaving on 6/16/2021 and returning 9/2/2021. Coverage is being provided by the Rev. Tom Buechele (who helped start the replant of St. Columba's many years ago) from 6/17/21-7/7/21 and The Rev. Jay Alanis from 7/9/21-8/29/21. It will be two years since they have visited their family in Minnesota. The best gift we can give them is allow them to really be away. Marnie+ and David+ will be taking care of any such pastoral needs such as funerals, etc. David+ shared that we received an ENORMOUS gift in Linda+ with what she has done and all she continues to do not only with the congregation of St. Columba's but with the Paauiilo Community Meal as well. Thank you to Dave & Rose Warner who donated their miles to provide them with round-trip first-class tickets. Linda+ shared that they are the humblest people she has ever met. She is so grateful for the opportunity.
  - e) Moving Sunday worship back into church building. Tentative date to do so: Sunday, July 11. David has met with the Parish Medical Task Force. Higher speed internet is being installed in the church to help keep the signal from dropping for those joining online. Bobby is working on rewiring the church for sound and reattaching the video system. Note: The beautiful renovations, including the removal of the organ box, was done right as the pandemic began. Our time and efforts shifted to outdoor/online worship.
  - f) No change in current Covid protocols at worship, as no changes in State and Diocesan requirements.
- 5) Adult Spiritual Formation
- a) The Rev. Mary Haddad to lead a book study on Rohr's "The Universal Christ" via ZOOM-sometime in June.
  - b) Request for an online bible study in evening (after work) or on weekends. Jeanne Cooper is working on this.
  - c) Landy Luther has proposed an online ZOOM discussion of the book, "What's in the Bible?"
  - d) David+ has also been in contact with Brother David Vryhof in possible discussion topics.
- 6) Finance (20 min)
- a) Treasurer's Report (see attached report & financials). Michael recommends that we transfer \$50K from our checking account into the TECH fund. Scott made motion and Jeannie seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion carries unanimously. We will revisit this again in July to see what Michael recommends. With the TECH fund, there are no penalties with withdrawing funds if needed.
  - b) St. Columba's \$50K donation made to the kitchen fund. The estimate for the construction came in higher than we thought. A huge Mahalo to Susan Acacio for such a beautiful gift!
  - c) Midyear giving campaign-we are running slightly behind in pledging; however, this does give us an opportunity to connect with newcomers who may have joined us after the Stewardship campaign in November. This also gives those the opportunity to look at their giving statements and adjust their pledge. The midyear giving campaign usually run in the last two weeks of June.
- 7) Sr. Warden's Report-Jeanne Savage- We are a growing parish with ever present challenges and opportunities, and I am grateful for how attentive and reactive things have been. I will be off island June 7-21<sup>st</sup>. Please if you can, attend Gerry Goodenough's memorial. I am so happy to enjoy the health of this wonderful parish!
- 8) Jr. Warden's Report (5 min)
- a) Ramp repair & rebuild at Everett's home. Mahalo Malu! The window and wall job may possibly begin tomorrow by an outside contractor (Thursday 5/27)
  - b) Bowman Termite recommended that St. Columba's be tented after the construction of the kitchen/
  - c) We are working on the bathrooms at the St. James' church to have the waste lines repaired in time for the in-person services.
  - d) Keiki clothing area redesigned in the Thrift Store. Mahalo to Rona!
- 9) Rector's Report (5 min)
- a) Diocesan Convention Delegates confirmed.

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Melanie Holt

Jeanne Cooper

Garrett Webb

Thomas Robertson

Kim Snodgrass-Holmes

10) Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:30 PM

11) Marnie + offered the concluding prayer: O God our protector, by whose mercy the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light: We give into your hands the decisions we have made, the dreams we are shaping and our unfinished tasks, you alone are our sure defense and bring us lasting peace in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

12) Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 2:32 PM. Scott motioned, Frankie seconded.