

## VESTRY MINUTES

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

Tuesday, August 24, 2021, 12:30 PM HST VIA ZOOM

Present, David Stout+, Marnie Keator +, John Stover, Martha Massey, Sharon Alfonso, Frankie Pang (Jr. Warden), Scott Byron, Jeannie Savage (Sr. Warden),

Excused: Ian Hersey, Michael Thompson (Treasurer), Linda Lundgren+

David+ opened with prayer at 12:33 PM

Jeannie Savage & Frankie Pang led the group in an Exercise of Focus, revisiting the Vestry covenant that was signed and agreed upon at the Vestry retreat earlier this year and a consensus was reached about being intentional in "who we are going to be as a leadership team moving forward."

The minutes from the July 28, 2021 meeting were then presented. Jeannie motioned to accept the minutes as amended. Frankie seconded. Motion carries unanimously.

Thrift Store Ministry – Jeannie Savage- All is moving along well!

Dental Bus coming back on campus-Sharon Alfonso asked on behalf of Hamakua Health if the Dental Bus could return. Hamakua Health is building a dental office to take the place of the Dental Bus which is slated to open in November. The bus would be open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8-5. They have offered to pay for electric and water, and Vestry agreed that the partnership with the Dental Bus is a part of our mission and outreach. John Stover motioned to give approval for the next three months beginning September 1. Jeannie seconded. Motion carries unanimously.

Goodenough wheelchair accessible van. John Stover reported that they have found through a home health nurse someone who is able to use the van. The individual has MS is wheelchair bound and her son takes care of her. John motioned that we gift the van to this individual with the understanding that should they no longer need it, St. James' is given the first right of refusal. St. James' to transfer the title. Martha seconded. Discussion ensued, John to draft the letter and work with Jaisy on putting it on letterhead. Motion carries unanimously. Thank you to Gerry for this wonderful gift!

Keiki, Youth, & 'Ohana Ministries Coordinator position- still receiving applications. Felicia Linton and Shari Harada-Peck are co-chairs.

David+ discussed Worship & Pastoral Care. Worship moved outdoors as surge of Delta Variant continues. Our diocesan bishop sent out a directive this morning, he is fully supportive of online worship. For the immediate future, we will continue to keep "doing what we are doing" with drive-in masses, Beach Mass on Saturdays and under the tent at St. Columba's. The new tent is a HUGE blessing to St., Columba's. David+ shared that if St. Columba's needs another tent, that there is money in the account. Frankie shared that being under a tent is a lot nicer than being in your car. We could also get an FM transmitter for St. Columba's as well. Sharon to wait until Linda+ returns and will be in touch should they decide to get one.

St. Columba's Church – Mahalo to the Rev. Jay Alanis who is with us until Linda+ and Bob return on Sept. 2. Jay + will be leading Men's Bible Study this week as well.

Funeral of Evarts Fox was held on Friday, August 13, at 9 AM, burial followed in our cemetery.

Adult Spiritual Formation: David+ shared that the Rev. Mary Haddad will lead a book study on Rohr's "The Universal Christ" via ZOOM on September 8<sup>th</sup>. David+ will also send out a survey for a mini-Fall retreat with Brother David Vryhof.

The Vestry then reviewed the Treasurer's Report (see attached report & financials). Michael, our Treasurer is away on vacation.

Sr. Warden's Report-Nothing to report. All is moving along well!

Jr. Warden's Report-Continuing to look at the plumbing situation with the church toilets. Possible estimate of \$5K to replace toilets. Vestry decided to give Frankie a ceiling of \$5K. John made motion to give Frankie the go ahead. Jeannie seconded. Motion carries unanimously.

David+ reported that we still need Alternate Delegate to Convention (October 22 & 23) moved to online because of the surge of Covid-19 cases. Martha Massey offered to serve.

Cemetery update-casket plots in cemetery is full at St. James'. St. Columba's is also full. We are in need of someone to take on the responsibility of being the Cemetery Coordinator to oversee the Urn Garden, Memorial Garden and Cemetery Plots.

David+ gone this weekend to bring his mother back to island for 6 weeks.

At 1:30 PM Vestry entered into Executive Session to discuss the Sexton position and renewal of rental agreements. At 1:37 Executive session concluded

The Vestry welcomed Tim Bostock to give a St. Columba's Kitchen Project Update. From Tim: We have a final plan approval! Larry Nakayama is the Planning Department contact. Paul Donoho, the architect is currently working with the Planning Department and asking if we need to reapply digitally. We could be looking at a month for them to go through their Building, Fire, Health and Water departments. Looking at breaking ground at the end of October.

Tim also briefed Vestry on "The Gathering Space" which would be where the current Savanack building is located. Tim will be working with Ian Hersey on this. Before any final plan is decided it will be taken to the entire parish for discussion.

2:15 PM John re-entered the meeting.

Tim then reported on the Community Meal. We have had five weeks without Sue and have done well. Grace Lovig making pies, Akau Family making chicken hekka, Mamane bakery for the pizza and Gregory's Goulash. Pleased with how it went. Currently cleaning out the freezers, Health inspection usually around December. Tim then reported on the financials for Community Meal, from, from January-July, 2021 about \$1600 is the average spend per week, \$1200 of which is covered. Unsolicited donations are helping us stay afloat. Over \$120K "war chest" has been increased. The issue is that it is all for the meal and we don't have funding all the time for the Meal Coordinator. Tim will go back to Richard Smart fund and ask for funds for the coordinator position. We also have a new sponsorship coordinator! Genevieve Savage! Thank you to Rachel Pessah for her hard work. The meal committee has trimmed down a bit since COVID. We could do with a couple more representatives for the committee. A huge THANK YOU to Tim for all of his hard work while Sue was away, to Gregory for shouldering the load and to Mel and Jane and Frankie and Janice for keeping things afloat!

The Vestry set the next meeting date for Tuesday, September 28. Jeannie motioned; Scott seconded.

Tim led 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.

Meeting ended at 1:54 PM. Jeannie motioned; Scott seconded.