The Vestry of St. Brendan-the-Navigator Episcopal Church met via Zoom April 21, 2021. Present were Pastor Elaine Hewes, Wardens Pete Dane and George Pazuniak, Meg Graham, Jane LaChance, Bill Scaife, Tom Van Buren and Curtis Flowers, clerk.

Bill opened the meeting with a reading of the first verse of a poem by Minnie Louise Haskins, *The Gate of the Year.* The March minutes, having previously been circulated and edited electronically, were approved. Since reports from all ministries had been circulated prior to the meeting there was minimal additional reporting.

Education & Spiritual Development: Jane reported that events have now been scheduled through September.

Building and Grounds: All is well. Roof work will likely begin in June or July.

Outreach: $1500 was approved for camp scholarships. For educational scholarships, instead of the usual two candidates being selected this year there are four equally good recipients. The amount distribution will soon be decided.

Finance: In good order at this point. Procedures are being updated.

Welcome & Hospitality: All working well at this point. Plans being made to return to indoor worship beginning Pentecost, May 23.

Pastoral Care: Very active and proceeding quite well.

Music & Worship: Working hard both on current Zoom worship and on best transition to in-person worship.

Other business: Pete offered a resolution, previously circulated electronically, approving additional key signatories for financial accounts. Jane seconded. Unanimous approval.

George reported on Needle Exchange Program. Discussion followed with agreement that the program should proceed on course. Suggestion by Bill was approved that flyers be placed at Ellsworth site with information about availability on Deer Isle.

Elaine led a discussion of plans for return to in-person worship. The choice of format for continued electronic option - for which there is unanimous support - is under consideration. The Eucharist will be offered in both kinds with only the priest handling the bread and the wine being distributed in the Lutherans' small glasses which they graciously are sharing.

Elaine reported that the ad for our Administrative Assistant position is approved and will soon be published with the hope of having position filled by June.

Connie Mayo's family has offered the church the 7 foot, 1976 Baldwin grand piano that had belonged to Connie's late sister Kathleen Mayo Griffith. The vestry, with the Gift Committee having already approved and Pete moving, Tom seconding, unanimously approved acceptance with profound thanks. Discussion of best placement ensued.

Thoughts from the Priest: We live in interesting times. Opinions are sharply divided. What does it mean to be a community of faith in such times? How do we relate to each other? In this moment how do we meet one another when issues divide us? On May 2, the parish will devote Coffee Hour to addressing the topic of the Prayers of the People, and how we as the Body of Christ might faithfully approach this part of our liturgy. Vestry members are particularly asked to be present for this discussion.

The meeting ended with confirmation that the next meeting would be May 19.

Respectfully submitted,

Curtis Flowers, clerk