



Vestry Meeting Sunday July 31, 2022

There was an ad hoc meeting of the Epiphany Episcopal Church Vestry on July 31, 2022.

Vestry Attendance: The Vestry attended in person. In attendance were: Rev. Dina Widlake, Myron Laible, Senior Warden; and Cameron Thurber, Wendy Morency, Dick Fichter, Joe Jung, and Elizabeth Gayton

Absent: None

Special Guests: None

Call to Order

Rev. Widlake called the meeting to order at 11:20 am.

Agenda:

New Vestry Member

Covenantal Giving

Deacon appointment possibility

New Vestry Member:

Rev Dina introduced Joe Jung, who served on the Vestry from 2014-2015, then resided abroad for a number of years. He is back, and willing to serve on the Vestry in the Junior Warden position, recently vacated by Kathleen Bellis. He will take charge of Epiphany's parking lot, trimming, painting lines, getting repair estimates. The possibility of partnering with New Hope Baptist Church to help pay for it was discussed. Cam Thurber asked about resurfacing vs. repaving. Joe said the cracks and grass growing in the cracks means there is water moving underneath, so repaving is required.

The possibility of asking the Boy Scout troop that Epiphany sponsors, to help with restriping, was discussed. The restriping might also be offered as an Eagle Scout project. Wendy asked about the cost. Joe said about \$1K to restripe, and he'd need a machine. Rev Dina offered to ask to borrow a machine.

Covenantal Giving:

Rev Dina advised the group that the Covenantal Giving plan has been submitted, and is likely to be accepted.

Deacon appointment possibility:

Rev Dina asked Diocese to appoint a Deacon. Likely it will happen in September. Dick asked if there is a Fee? Rev Dina said about \$35 per month. They (Deacons) are non-stipend, but they have access to retirement. Dick how long, and Rev Dina answered that there is no time limit.

This is a vocational Deacon, who serves as connector between world and church. Heavily involved in Outreach. She will be ordained in September, so that is the time frame for her to come to Epiphany. She can also set the Communion Table and deliver a sermon. Epiphany can compensate her or support her ministry (pay for continuing education).

Rev Dina said she would show the LOA (Letter of Agreement) to the Vestry. Deacons are often retired, and supported by a spouse or have a second job. Vocational Deacons are appointed by the Diocese, go to Deacon School, and take vows. Epiphany is currently discerning the need. Wendy asked for vision for the Deacon, and Rev Dina advised her that the vision is still forming. The new Deacon may review the Outreach program efforts and advise what Epiphany should do. Myron asked when the Diocese would decide, and Rev Dina predicted it would be shortly after her ordination in September. The motion, when it comes, will be about the Letter of Agreement (LOA) details.

Motion: Myron moved, and Cameron seconded, to bring Joe Jung on as Vestry member, replacing Kathleen Bellis, and also serve as Junior Warden, for a term of 18 months.

Rev Dina closed with prayer.

The Lord's prayer was read by all.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 pm

Next meeting is August 15, 2022, at 7 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Gayton

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