

St. Peter's Vestry

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Called Vestry Meeting - May 17, 2020

Details

Class/Project	Called Vestry Meeting
Date/Time/Location	May 17, 2020 (Virtual)
Goal	Church Opening Planning
Attendees	Greg Warren, Jeff Aulgur, Genie Davis, Steve Hurd, Kristina Ward, Melissa Courtway, Peggy, Melissa Felty, Brett Hardison Carolyn Scott, Kristina Buford

Pro-Tip

Use Evernote's audio recording feature to record your meetings. You'll be able to replay key discussions and make sure no detail is missed!

NOTE: Before recording audio to capture any conversation, be sure to check if applicable laws require you to obtain permission from anyone you would record.

Follow-ups

Task	Responsible	Completed?

Decisions

Decisions	Approver
Opening the Church	
Access to the Church	
June 6 work day	

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Closure

Summary & Takeaways

1. Opening Prayer
2. Diocesan meeting on 5/12/2020 (Greg/Peggy). Greg shared the Governor's guidance for Houses of Worship and re-opening in Arkansas. Brett: Recommends not opening until at least July 1, 2020 (to ascertain impact of state openings). Steve agrees. Genie Davis: 97 local health units testing and contact tracing (last three days). Positive: Self-quarantine for 14 days. This work will give us a better idea of community spread (versus institutional spread). No prior approval needed for new testing protocols.
3. Bishop. No one meets until the end of May. Recommends a couple of parishes test alternative options. This test process will likely occur in early June. Do we want to be a test participant? Brett: Perhaps add more people to the nave to provide a more "choral" response. Need to communicate public communion will not occur any time soon. Steve: July 1 allows us to be "cautious ignorant." It may turn out to be too soon as well.
4. Pentecost: Is it safe for people to eat lunch together six feet apart from one another? Weather permitting? Two weeks away. Could people drive by the church for Pentecost? Steve: Perhaps there are people who might not drive by, but how can we incorporate them into the service? Peggy: Delaying opening; as far as we know we are the only parish with a morality. And it almost seems disrespectful, in some context, to open earlier rather than later.
5. Small groups, by and large, are staying connected throughout this period. Servant Leadership continuing through the summer. The concern remains who is being forgotten?
6. Opening the church: No one is "rushing" to re-open the church. We did need to send a note about people not entering the church (to protect the space). This part has been the most challenging. As soon as we open the door, the challenge (and management) increases. We have some groups whose number attending is not restricted.
7. Discipleship Standpoint: Are you feeling fed? Not as vestry, but as a member of the community. Pastoral care: It appears to be working if we remain diligent. From a meeting standpoint, if we are getting fed there is no reason to change course.
8. Sunday morning expansion: We could limit to the vestry as leaders of the community. Jeff: The vestry is the "cleanest" method without choosing from the parish congregation (without any potential perception of favoritism in the attendees). Open invitation to the members of the vestry (and to reinforce and strengthen this group). We could do this for May and June. Then plan for Phase 2. Schedule a second meeting mid-July. (Tentative Sunday, June 7th). The vestry meeting scheduled for May 31st is canceled.
9. Planning will continue for May 31 service. Greg will craft a message around this event.
10. Brett: Consideration of a work day at the church. The garden bed needs weeding and preparation. Potential workday on Saturday June 6 (with social distancing protocols in place).
11. Final rector paperwork to the diocese.
12. Brett: Job role for Admin and what we would put together for a potential vacancy. Greg: Kathy is moving here, and potentially she could move to full time and take over a large part of John's responsibility. John manages facilities and financial. Brett: Ask Greg to put his vision together for the role. If we start meeting in some manner, the need for upgraded sanitizing and other options will be necessary. She will be here July 1 with a month overlap with John.

13. June: We will visit where we are financially and to start planning for stewardship and other strategies

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Meeting Notes Distributed to the Team
Tasks & Projects Completed, Processed or Delegated
Key Dates Completed or Scheduled

