

**Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church**  
**August 2021 Vestry Meeting Minutes**  
**Aug 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM**

Attendees: *Father Jeff, Father Christian, Cynthia Carpenter, Field Norris, Laura Hall, John Russell, Rita Compton, Stacy Coughlin, Ken Blankenship, Davis Woods, Jenny Cordell, and Kent Thompson*

1. Devotional time led by Kenneth Blankenship. Devotional assignments for remainder of year:
  - Sept: Thompson
  - Oct: Hall
  - Nov: Woods
2. Approval of minutes from Jun 9th meeting.
  - Motion made and approved by all
3. Financial update/review – Fr. Jeff Marx.
  - Discretionary funds are going quickly; currently out until November
  - Will recommend at some point that we do something with the Memorial Fund
  - Actual income was 15% below budget; YTD actual and budget right on
4. Discussion about music – Davis Woods.
  - Davis offered to personally fund singers to perform the Hallelujah Chorus at the Christmas Eve services
  - Davis and Cynthia will check with Vernon to see how many people are needed and if they can make it work
  - John pointed out that there currently aren't enough people to make up the choir, especially with no Director, and he misses it and hopes it comes back
    - However, until things are stable again, won't be able to get back to "normal"
5. Buildings and grounds update/input – Kenneth Blankenship.
  - Security Fire came today and will do a proposal for a 5-year inspection of the sprinkler system, would be about \$2,500
    - The Fire Dept. is focusing on it this year, so it needs to be done
  - June 16, replaced outdoor conditioning unit and both disconnects
  - While replacing it, realized the circuit breaker needs to be replaced and Banks Electric will come out to do that work
  - Cynthia said there are several spots out front that are missing grass; will investigate
6. Other business.

- Asked if we will renew being a “shelter partner” in the event of crisis/disaster; they reimburse damages and/or excess utility charges
  - Father Jeff said yes, with restricting access to the alter and requesting there be adult supervision in the kitchen
  - Motion to renew was made and approved
- First Wednesday is scheduled for Sept 1 for evening prayer and dinner
- The week after Labor Day Father Jeff will start the Wednesday bible study again and potentially a book study if there is interest; Father Christian will also start his bible study
- The Collierville police department asked pastors around town to help them deliver/participate when they have to deliver news of death or difficulty; 10 pastors including Father Christian were trained and will be on call for this
- Davis brought up recent situation where someone was needed to run camera and stream service, but only a couple people know how to do it
  - John mentioned that Tom and Vince proposed getting an iPad and setting it up with directions so anyone can run the camera and stream services

**Calendar:**

Next Vestry Meetings:

- Sept 8
- Oct 6
- Nov 10
- Dec 8

Saint Andrew’s Night: Nov 30 at the VFW