

The Vestry was called to order at 7:00 pm virtually, once a quorum (2/3) was present.

Attendance

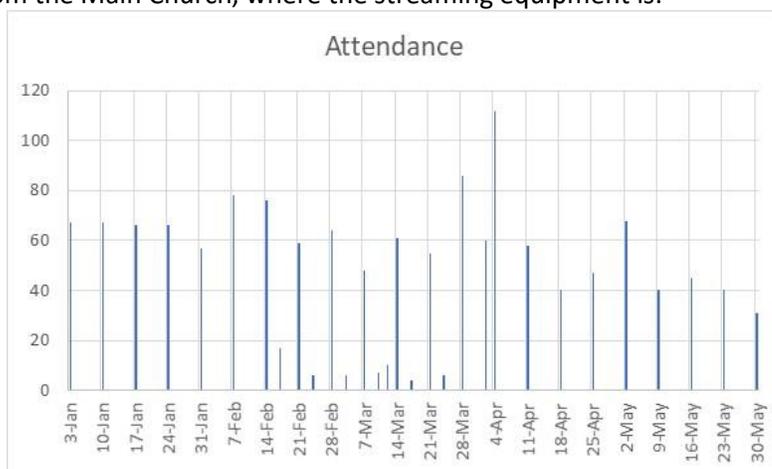
Nicholas Morris-Kliment (Rector)	X	Dusty Hecker (Warden)	X	Brian Mukherjee (Warden)	X	Vacant (Treasurer)	
Duncan Allen	X (Zoom)	Jim Black	X	Bob Begin	X	David Carnahan (Clerk)	X
John Carr		Bob Keener	X	Ingrid Melvin		Ginny Yerardi	X (zoom)
Annie Russell	X	Alyssa Kence	X	Joe Sweeney	X	Christina O'Connell	X
Cecile Leroy	X						

Opening Prayers

Nick lead Evening prayer Rite II, with a reading from Acts 2:1-21. David C will lead the next opening prayer meeting in August.

Attendance (Nick)

We do not yet have the June attendance meeting. Our last Sunday service was in person, and Nick estimates that we had ~60 ppl in total. We will have an 8:15 and a 10:00 until July 4, when we start at 9:00 from the Main Church, where the streaming equipment is.



Racial Justice Initiative (Bob)

The RJI met in person, and shared their hopes and dreams for the group. They are homing in on some activities and a position on race and racial issues. The position will be posted on the website, with this body's approval.

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry (Nick)

Picking up on our discussion last time. Nick talked with Pastor Ashley at the Methodist Church. She is welcoming to have us participate in their youth group activities. Their group is grades 6-12, with ~12 kids showing up routinely. They switched from Sunday to a Thursday meeting over Zoom, twice monthly for fun outings, and have three big events, like Six Flags, City Reach, or a Lock-in. They have a full time youth and family minister, with three teachers, and some parent volunteers.

We would provide some parents that would work together with the Methodist group to participate with them. This is separate from their confirmation class. What can we offer? BHC camp, our catalog of activities, and volunteers. We would also offer a confirmation class for ~8th grade.

Finance

Duncan reported that we found some 2020 pledges in the form of stock transfers. Accordingly, we do not need to make an endowment draw at this time. With an August vestry meeting coming, he will prepare a quarterly plus a month report. Nick reported that a music teacher is interested in the

firstbridge space for \$1500/month for a 1 year lease., 3:30-8 and Saturday 9:00-3:00. The Vestry also discussed the request for rental space in the church from Lisa Vergara, who leads Storytime Crafts, a ministry centered on reading that collects used books and bicycles for distribution in Boston. The Vestry expressed interest in allowing Storytime Crafts to use space without rent . A lease with deferred rent would be preferable to a lease-free arrangement. Nick will discuss this with her.

Gathering, Common Life, Outreach (7:45-8:15)

Haiti Conversation (Nick)

Last time, we had a discussion about the Haitian ministry, leaving us with a question... is there enough support in the congregation to reenergize the mission, or should we gracefully exit the partnership?

To keep it alive, we need:

- 5-8 participants,
- shared activities around fundraising, communication etc.,
- Travel to Lazil every other year with participants paying own travel cost.

Duncan noted that we have funds to support the school in our budget for 2021. Without a mechanism of transparency and physical support, financial support may not be effective. Joe asked, without word from Father Milor, how comfortable will we be with sending the funds? Annie asked if there is actually interest in this within the church, and what does that support? The Diocese of Haiti also has a program that can be funded, and takes a 10% cut, then distributes the funds to the church. The personal contact is essential, and we need to ensure that there are participants willing to go. Nick will talk with Holly Hartman about avenues to monitor support in lieu of a key person here to lead that mission. By August, we will hear from our call in the Visitor for a Haiti mission leader.

Sunday debrief (Brian)

Brian attended the 10:00 service. There was great joy among the participants. The protocols went smoothly, and all went to plan. Most were unmasked, except for singing. 48 attended. Christina noted that we should have bags with crayons and paper to help entertain young kids during the service.

Vestry Brainstorm (8:15-8:45)

Hopes/Dreams/Questions/Concerns (Brian)

Now that we are reopened, how do we grow back stronger? David suggested that we help celebrate re-opening with fellowship opportunities, cookouts, etc to help the parish re-connect. We will gather for ice cream on Thursday the 24th at 8:00 at the Junction. Monthly cookouts could be here or at parishioner's homes. Volleyball between churches is also a possible gathering.

Parking Lot/Other Business

none

Prayer and Adjourn

Dates Worship Schedule for the Summer: June 20, 27= 8.15 and 10; July & August 9am
July 5—August 1 Nick on vacation; the Rev. Lise Hildebrant, supply
No Vestry Meeting in July

Minutes taken by David L. Carnahan, Clerk of the Vestry



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