

**Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church Vestry Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2021**

**Next meeting: March 18, 2021; Thursday, 7:00 pm**

**Members Attending:** Julie Daye, Bob Jenkins, Jaime Konowal, Koshy Mathews, Heather Myers, Lisa Reeves, Mark Roberts, Jim Ufheil, Nils VanAmmers, Jerry Walker, Jeanette Woehr

**Absent:** Barbara Chilcott,

**Guests:** Paula Minacci, Eric Sanchez

Jaime Konowal presiding.

**Virtual Meeting on Zoom**

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Opening Prayer	Heather	
Consent Agenda Approved	Consent Agenda	Approved

**OLD BUSINESS**

<b>Church Calendar</b>	<p><b>Sunday Services</b> - We are allowed to have up to 20 people in a room at a time. We can now use both the church and Riverside Hall.</p> <p><b>Evensong</b> - Has regular attendance of 7-10 people. Koshy again mentioned that we seem to have two churches, one that attends Evensong and one that attends Sunday Services.</p> <p><b>Archbishop Romero Day on March 24 - 7:30 PM.</b> The Diocese and Gloria Dei Service on Zoom in memory of Dr. King and Archbishop Romero under the title, Our Martyrs Walk with Us. People from all over the country will be participating.</p> <p><b>Lenten Book Study</b> has been suspended until the week after Easter, when it will conclude.</p> <p><b>Holy Week</b></p> <p><u>Palm Sunday</u> on March 28 - Begin outside and process in. We will read passion as usual. Stream and In Person</p> <p><u>Passover Seder</u> - Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 6:00pm [Zoom only]</p> <p><u>Maundy Thursday Service</u> &amp; Stripping of the Altar - Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 7:30pm</p> <p><u>Good Friday Service</u> - Friday, April 2, 2021 at 2:30pm</p> <p><b>Earth Day Service</b> on Sunday, April 18th</p> <p><b>Sexton Sideshow - Jesus Christ Superstar</b> on April 18th at 6:00 PM. Tentatively planned to have limited audience and be live streamed.</p> <p><b>National Church Evensong</b> - Koshy reported that Eric and Jim are scheduled to read at next week's service.</p>	
<b>Keystone Grant Update</b>	Mark reported that the work is moving along.	
<b>Swedish History Books</b>	Jeanette reported Kim-Eric has formed a committee with the Swedish Colonial Society to have 80% of books on Swedish history given away by the end of the year. Volumes 7A and 7B are set to go to press and will be arriving in March or April,. There will be 2000 books. We will store them in the Rectory Basement.	
<b>YCCA Sink</b>	Mark is still waiting for diagrams for the possible installation of the new sick for YCCA from Alexis.	

<b>By Laws - Additional Changes</b>	Lisa will make final changes, incorporating changes related to the Finance committee and email them to the vestry. Vestry must have them 30 days before voting on them.	
<b>Profile Committee/Consultant</b>	The interview committee reported that they had interviewed a candidate that they liked very much and recommended her for the profile committee consultant position. She charges between \$650 and \$800 a month.	Motion to hire her was approved.  Jim will contact Diocese about hiring her.
<b>Liability Update-Staff Clearances</b>	Koshy reported that the forms have been submitted and they are waiting for a response. The staff will go together to get fingerprints.	
<b>Communications Committee</b>	Vestry reviewed data collection form for new parishioner database.	Form was approved.
<b>Technology Committee</b>	Jaime reported that Paul made up a list of equipment that would enable to present more sophisticated streaming. However, Paul doesn't think we should purchase anything until we have decided whether we are going to continue streaming after Covid.  We can apply for a diocesan grant retroactively to pay for costs already incurred in purchasing new streaming technology.	Jim will submit a grant request to the diocese.
<b>Church Secretary Job Description</b>	Deferred until next month.	
<b>Tree in Front of Rectory</b>	Mike Duffy at Liberty Trees gave a quote of \$4,600 to remove the tree. This doesn't include the roots. Jim suggested doing a fundraiser to raise money for this as we have already spent a lot for care of trees. It was suggested to wait until next year to consider removal, unless there is any danger of branches falling. If there is danger in leaving the tree, perhaps the liability insurance will pay for the removal.	Jim will ask Mike Duffy to check the tree for any dangers.
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>		
<b>Baptisms</b>	Koshy asked if we should continue the practice of baptizing anyone who requested it, as many people who are not members of the church request baptisms as cultural matter and have no intention of fulfilling the vows they make to raise their children according to the Baptismal Creed. The vestry consensus was that we should baptize anyone who requested it but have them attend three counseling sessions and attend church prior to the baptism. We also decided that this decision should be mentioned to any potential new rector.	
<b>Annual Meeting</b>	Scheduled for May 2, 2021. Mark will edit last year's nomination forms and we will send a link to the forms in the next newsletter. All nominations for vestry and convention delegates are due by April 2, 2021. We will also need to start working on committee reports for the Annual Report.	
<b>Parochial Report</b>	Jill is reviewing financial information. Koshy should be listed as part time on the report for insurance purposes.	Parochial report approved.

<b>Green Committee</b>	<p>Julie reported on the following GC projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Pulling out Star of Bethlehem weed in designated space and planting grass seed to see if that eliminates the weed in that space.</li> <li>-Getting another rain barrel from the Water Dept. and painting both barrels.</li> <li>-Organizing Earth Day activity.</li> </ul>	
<b>Easter Donation to Mercy Hospice</b>	<p>Motion made to donate \$250 to Mercy Hospice for Easter.</p>	<p>Motion approved.</p>
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	<p>Lord's Prayer</p>	