

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin, Davis
Special Vestry Meeting
Saturday, October 24, 10:00 am-11:30 am via Zoom
approved minutes

Present: Julie Knudsen, Ann Liu, Margaret Grayden, Janet Thompson, Sarah Conning, Jessie Ann Owens, Josy Miller, Bob Polkinghorn

Absent: Rector Pamela Dolan, Elise Keddie, Nick Buxton, Elizabeth Young, Stan Forbes

I. Opening Prayer (Margaret)

II. ACTION ITEM: Approval of the Draft Agenda (Josy) M/S/P

III. ACTION ITEM: Buildings and Grounds Proposal for Tree Trimming (Julie)
motion to approve work on 7 highest priority trees (\$3135) with funds from 2020
Maintenance and Repair budget M/S/P

IV. ACTION ITEM: Funding for Outside Facilitator (Bob)
motion to fund up to \$3000. Discussion: it would be helpful to have a proposal; use
the clergy honorarium line; will likely be partially billed in 2021; timing of process
relative to the formation of the 2021 Vestry
M/S/P

V. DISCUSSION: Possible responses to Election 2020

Topics: Rector's Letter (DAIR); Affirmation of Statement of Commitment and Action?;
Coffee hour after the election?; Service/Vigil on the day of election?

Discussion (notes prepared for Pamela's use by Josy Miller):

There was general support for the following:

- Reaffirmation of the Statement of Commitment and Action, specifically in conjunction with the dissemination of the DAIR letter
- An Election Day service, ideally earlier in the day so that folks are not distracted by returns, fallout of those results, etc.
- A carefully facilitated coffee hour discussion, ideally with a member of the clergy in each breakout groups; the groups would have to be larger, of course, but the consensus was that discussion might well be sensitive enough that the clergy presence would be very important

The key questions that were raised were as follows:

- Is St. Martin's in a position to respond if there is violence or unrest in our larger community? What might this look like?
- Do we have contingency plans to provide for the safety of the grounds and the emotional/psychological health of our congregants? Do we need to have an emergency response plan/team? Might it make sense to reach out to the Davis PD and FD to get a sense of their plans for Election Day and the days following? Arson and vandalism were articulated key points of concern.
- What support might the Belfry be able to use from us at this moment?

VI. Closing Prayer (Margaret)

Exhibits

Rector's Letter (DAIR)

Statement of Commitment and Action