

SPECIAL MEETING of the VESTRY

November 19th, 2023

Prayer- Fr. Peter Johnston

Members Present: Fr. Peter Johnston, Bill Cober, Dave Buckless, John Guillory, Sam Hawkins, David Brammer. Absent Scott Comeaux

Rector's Update: Fr. Peter submitted copies of the Letter of Agreement between he and Bishop Clark Lowenfield. Peter read the agreement to the vestry. He informed the vestry that this is the final mediation between he and the Bishop Clark. The agreement will be read today at the beginning of the Special Meeting of Trinity Anglican Church.

Fr. Peter's prayer is that we can also seek reconciliation with one another.

Fr. Peter submitted copies to the Vestry an opinion he requested from attorney and mediator Pat Briney, a member of Trinity. He advised that we consider a "liberal interpretation of housebound" due to the circumstances involved. We should also consider amending the by-laws later to allow exceptions on a case-by-case basis.

David Brammer offered a contemporaneous solution with the option to vote by telephone or video.

Dave Buckless agreed with Pat Briney's assessment; however, we should make a decision today concerning this upcoming meeting and revisit the by-laws at a later date.

Bill Cober made a motion to accept a change to the By-Laws for the Nov. 26th meeting only. The motion offered is

Resolved: For the Special Meeting Congregational Vote on November 26th, 2023 only, the Vestry authorizes absentee voting for members with valid reasons they cannot attend in person, with the conditions they attend the Special Meeting by phone or zoom and they must text their vote to John Guillory before the voted are counted. Requested must be received before noon on Saturday November 25th by John Guillory who will submit a list of requesting persons to the Vestry for review. Sam Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition.

Meeting Adjourned