

St. John's Episcopal Church
Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
Sunday, February 9, 2020

Present: J. Beattie, R. Bent, H. Brown, S. Coles, M. Davis, C. Dubow, H. Flor, B. Futh, G. Hahneman, S. McFeely, MB Witt

Absent: D. Campbell, D. Gillespie, A. Kalnins, L. Littlefield

Also present: S. Futh

Fr. Hahneman opened the meeting with a prayer.

This was a special meeting of the vestry to discuss Joining Jesus and parish finances. It was quickly determined that St. John's is not ready to commit to participating in the Joining Jesus project at this time. Financial concerns within the parish need to be resolved first.

Ms. Davis reviewed what has been accomplished in the Capital Campaign. About \$1.5 million has been raised to date. Pledges amounting to \$40,000 are outstanding. Also, there is work to be done. The cost of the work on the doors needing replacement is estimated at \$40,000 to \$50,000. This includes the doors of the church and two doors on the parish house.

Also discussed was the proposed Memorial Garden. At this time \$10,000 to \$12,000 has been donated for this project. Julia Metcalfe has designed this project, the full cost of which needs to be determined.

The Foundation needs to elect new members. The Vestry appoints the Board.

Also discussed was the endowment. The diocese has restrictions on withdrawals from the endowment. It is important to use only the interest, not the principal. Any changes in use of the endowment requires a 2/3 vote of the Vestry. Fr. Hahneman will get a 15 year endowment report for the next vestry meeting.

He also raised the subject of adding a line to the pledge card enabling parishioners to indicate whether they have named St John's in their wills. Ms. Flor asked if St. John's has a gift policy and whether gifts include maintenance. Mr. Dubow asked if St. John's has a naming policy.

Ms. Bent said that we need to assemble a list of the names of parishioners who left in recent years so that we can make a concerted effort to get them to return.

Fr. Hahneman stressed the need for transparency, saying that people will give more if we are transparent. Ms. Davis added that we need a plan: how much do we need and where is it going?

The meeting ended with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan M. Beattie, Secretary

The meeting was adjourned.
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Joan M. Beattie, Clerk of the Vestry