

St. John's Episcopal Church
Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
January 16, 2022
Held In-Person and Via ZOOM

In Attendance: Fr. Hahneman, Mr. Brown, Ms. Coles, Ms. Davis, Ms. Dulack, Mr. Gillespie, Mr. Kalnins, Ms. McFeely, Ms. Witt, Mr. Claro, Mr. Littlefield

Attending via ZOOM: Ms. Daly and Mr. Futh

Absent: Ms. Beattie (excused)

Opening Prayer

Fr. Hahneman opened the meeting with a prayer.

Voting on Minutes from November 21, 2021 Vestry Meeting

The Minutes were approved.

Finance Committee Report

Mr. Littlefield presented the monthly financial statements and a proposed budget for 2022 to present at the annual meeting. The budget was approved, as amended to take into account the addition of the previously approved \$25,000 reserve to provide for repairs to the rectory.

After some discussion, it was agreed that the Finance Committee would make a determination as to the amount of operating cash to be held in the UBS checking and savings accounts, and to transfer the remaining funds into one or more investment accounts. The Finance Committee will make a recommendation to the Vestry on a policy for treating unrestricted bequests as capital or operating in nature.

Foundation Construction Update Report

Ms. Davis recommended that the Finance Committee develop a budget and forecast for capital expenditures.

Property Report

Ms. McFeely stated that she needs assistance with the property committee and dealing with a variety of issues that come up in managing the parish campus. She reported that the rectory is in need of substantial maintenance and repair, and that the parish must continue to invest in the property if it is to be continued to be used as a source of revenue.

Ms. Witt noted the need for a sexton to handle a variety of maintenance and other issues on an ongoing and consistent basis that are either being neglected, or addressed on an ad-hoc basis by parishioners.

There was a wide-ranging discussion about a long-term plan for the parish's property, including consideration of a sale of the rectory. To facilitate discussion, Ms. McFeely agreed to get informal input on the current market value of the rectory. It was agreed and Fr. Hahneman emphasized that this discussion would be part of a larger discussion about the future of the parish to take place over the coming months.

Fete Report

Ms. Witt reported on the success of the Fete. It achieved its goals of communicating to the community that the parish is alive and well, bringing people together in the activities leading up to the Fete and at

the fete itself, and raising money to make a substantial contribution to the community, including a \$10,000 contribution to the Washington Community Fund. She thanked the Fete Committee and all who helped make the event a success. She noted that a significant amount of preparation went into the fete, and that the fete committee would need to consider what type of event to undertake in 2022.

The vestry unanimously agreed to recognize Ms. Witt and Ms. Littlefield for their exceptional service as co-chairs of the Fete Committee.

Presentation of the Slate

At the request of Ms. Bardel, Mr. Gillespie presented the slate of candidates selected by the Nominating Committee, chaired by Ms. Bardel, and including Ms. Littlefield and Mr. Bent. Mr. Gillespie offered appreciation and thanks on behalf of the parish for the thoughtful and careful work done by the Nominating Committee. Mr. Gillespie and others offered their thanks and appreciation for the service of the outgoing officers and vestry members, including Ms. Beattie for her many years as Clerk, Mr. Littlefield for his service as Treasurer, Ms. McFeely for her service as Warden and Ms. Witt and Mr. Futh for their service on the Vestry. Standing for election are Mary Davis for Warden, Joseph Claro for Treasurer, Hunter Brown for Assistant Treasurer, Laura Daly for Clerk, and Jay Bauer, Rebecca Bent, Larry Littlefield and Susan McFeely for the Vestry. It was discussed and noted that the Vestry "Class" terms end at the election of replacements at the annual meeting following the Class date. For example, the members of the Class of 2022 serve under the election of new Vestry members at the annual meeting in January, 2023. Note that all of the members of the Class of 2022 are eligible to stand for election for another three-year term on the Vestry.

With the slate presented, the Officers, Vestry and Diocesan delegates for 2022 would be as follows:

WARDENS:

David Gillespie, *second year of third two-year term*

Mary Davis, *first year of first two-year term*

OFFICERS:

Joseph Claro, TREASURER

Hunter Brown, ASSISTANT TREASURER

Laura Daly, CLERK

for one-year terms

VESTRY:

for terms ending as stated by Class year

CLASS OF 2022:

Jay Bauer [filling out the term of Mary Davis who is standing for Warden], Sara Coles, Andris Kalnis

CLASS OF 2023:

Joseph Claro, Laura Daly, Veronique Dulack,

CLASS OF 2024:

Rebecca Bent, Larry Littlefield, Susan McFeely

DIOCESAN DELEGATES:

Sara Coles, MB Witt

for one-year terms

Priest-In – Charge Report

Fr. Hahneman discussed the upcoming annual meeting and commended reading the various reports included in the Annual Report. Ms. Coles requested that the reports also include recognition of the summer choir and the leaders of morning prayer. After some discussion, Fr. Hahneman announced that the annual meeting would take place the following Sunday at 6:30 P.M. and held via ZOOM, due to concerns about the pandemic.

Fr. Hahneman noted that the diocesan-appointed transition mentor, Fr. Joseph Shepley, from St. Paul's in Brookfield, plans to meet with the new vestry at its meeting February, and with the parish in March. He noted that many of the forward-looking discussions the vestry has been having, such as the use of parish property, will be continued in the context of upcoming transition discussions.

Fr. Hahneman closed the meeting with a prayer.

Submitted by David Gillespie on behalf of the clerk.