

St. John's Episcopal Church
Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
April 24, 2022
Held In-Person

In Attendance: Joseph Claro, Sara Coles, Laura Daly, Mary Davis, Veronique Dulack, David Gillespie, Andris Kalnins, Larry Littlefield, Susan McFeely

Absent: Jay Bauer, Rebecca Bent, Hunter Brown, Fr. Geoff Hahneman. Note: While Geoff was away it was appropriate that he did not attend this meeting. The bulk of this meeting was to discuss our future as voiced in the all-parish meeting. This is our work to do, not Geoff's.

Opening Prayer

David opened the meeting with a prayer.

Voting on Minutes from March 20th Vestry Meeting

The Vestry approved the minutes, and they are now posted by the office and online.

Finance Committee Report

Per Joseph, we have \$149,882 in the General Account and \$17,437 in our restricted account.

Pledges:

To Date: \$153,570

Applied: \$46,582

Balance: \$106,987

Joseph reported that Ms. Priscilla Williams has started work as our bookkeeper.

He also noted that he is working to gain access to the portal which allows the generation of paychecks (currently, he is writing checks by hand).

The Vestry voted to give Dawn access to \$200/mo. in petty cash. Dawn will provide a reconciliation statement each month for petty cash purchases.

Property Committee Update

The lease for the rectory is up for renewal in July. Ira is in negotiations with Susan to renew.

Susan authorized our landscapers to do spring cleaning around the property. Landscapers will submit an estimate for any additional work deemed necessary.

WRRP Update

Mary reported that the April 9th fund raiser for WRRP was very successful, raising approximately \$18,000. WRRP will consider additional fundraisers.

All Parish Gathering

Mary shared her consolidated take away from the all-parish gathering (attached). The Vestry agreed with her distillation. Next step is to distribute this distillation to the parish and schedule another all-parish breakfast in June to discuss and gather ideas.

One idea the Vestry discussed to increase outreach is the revival of the Saturday evening family service.

To improve our communications, Susan and Veronique will review and update our mailing list, both physical addresses and emails.

Both of these ideas will be presented at the next all-parish meeting, along with ideas discussed previously: a parish picnic (Susan and Veronique) and Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner and talent show (Laura).

Concerns and Other Business

We need to set up Food Drive dates and Farmer's Market schedule in coordination with local churches and groups.

Open Action Items:

Rebecca and Mary continue to work on a proposal to increase bequests to the St. John's Legacy Fund.

Joseph and Mary continue work to set up a debit card for Dawn to pay for purchases on behalf of the church.

Joseph to gain access to the portal which allows the generation of paychecks.

Wardens to send consolidated take away of all parish meeting to all parishioners and set up the next breakfast meeting.

Susan and Veronique will coordinate a Potluck Picnic. Can include refugee family sponsored by WRRP.

Laura will coordinate a Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner and talent show for Tuesday, 2/21/23

Revival of Saturday Family service. Coordinator(s) TBD.

Next Meeting: May 22, with Bishop Ian:

Bishop Ian will visit St. John's on May 22nd. He has asked that we read MLK's "Letter from Birmingham Jail" and discuss it during our Vestry meeting. A link to this letter is here: [Letter from Birmingham Jail, by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. \(letterfromjail.com\)](http://letterfromjail.com)

Laura closed the meeting with a prayer.

Submitted by Laura Daly