

St. John's Episcopal Church

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting

October 16, 2022

Held In-Person

In Attendance: Jay Bauer, Joseph Claro, Sara Coles, Laura Daly, Michael Del Nin, Veronique Dulack, David Gillespie, Fr. Geoff Hahneman, Andris Kalnins, Susan McFeely.

Absent: Hunter Brown, Mary Davis

Opening Prayer: Fr. Geoff Hahneman opened the meeting with a prayer.

Voting on Minutes from September 18th Vestry Meeting: The Vestry approved the minutes with some changes, and they are now online and posted by the parish office door.

Finance Committee Report: Joe reported that pledges are significantly below expectations compared to this time last year. Mary and Joe will work on the 2023 draft budget, to be completed by the end of November.

Property Committee Update: Susan reported that Ira has not renewed his lease and will vacate the rectory at the end of December. As it is likely that a new tenant will not move in until spring of 2023, Susan recommended that we use January-March to make needed repairs. The Vestry voted to approve this recommendation. Susan and Rod Pleasants will review work that is needed and get estimates. Susan will present a budget to the Vestry in January 2023, and repairs will be completed by the end of March for a potential move in date of April. It was noted that the St. John's Foundation can be a source for funding these repairs as the Foundation's mission includes upkeep of church property.

St. John's Holiday Fete: Susan presented Actuals from the 2021 Fete:

Gross Revenue:	\$55,802
Expenses:	\$14,177
Donation to the Washington Community Fund:	<u>\$10,000</u>
Net Profit:	\$31,625

For 2022, we will make a donation to both the Washington Ambulance and Washington Fire Department. The Fete Committee is budgeting a total donation of \$10,000. Per the September 18th Vestry Meeting, we will make a total donation of \$2,000 regardless of the net proceeds of this year's Fete.

The Fete Committee is anticipating expenses of \$15,000 for this year's Fete. The Vestry voted and approved these expenditures.

Sign-up sheets for Fete volunteers are now in the Parish House. Susan will begin to make announcements about the Fete at the 10AM Services.

Update on Legacy Society: Rebecca reported that Richard Snider, who is a retired trust and estates attorney, agreed to join the Legacy Society. David also offered to join the Society.

Update on Social Gathering: Laura is now coordinating Hospitality which includes coffee hour and events for parishioners and the community at large to get together. The first event will be a pancake dinner/talent show for Shrove Tuesday (2/21/23). There will be an event every quarter to bring our parishioners and the larger Washington community together.

Warden's Report: Regarding the Letter of Agreement between St. John's and Fr. Hahneman, Geoff will now have to work with our new Bishop, Jeff Mello, to review and renew this agreement.

Rector's Report: Geoff indicated that we are starting to return to pre-pandemic church attendance. Since our last Vestry meeting, we celebrated our Homecoming Service, Blessing of the Animals, a food drive with the help of the First Congregational Church, and our first Family Service since the pandemic. The youth class is still being developed and populated.

Veronique asked that an Outreach Committee be formed. The Vestry voted and approved the formation of this committee. Geoff and Veronique will work to populate this committee.

Concerns: To facilitate parishioners airing concerns, there will be a suggestion box placed in the Parish House which the Vestry will review prior to our meetings.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Hahneman closed the meeting with a prayer.

Next Meeting: Laura is asking that the next meeting be on November 13th, a week earlier than normal. She is performing with her NYC choral group on November 20th and will be away all weekend for rehearsals.

Submitted by: Laura Daly