

St. John's Episcopal Church
Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
December 18, 2022, Held In-Person

In Attendance: Jay Bauer, Rebecca Bent, Laura Daly, Mary Davis, Veronique Dulack, David Gillespie, Fr. Geoff Hahneman, Andris Kalnins, Susan McFeely.

Absent: Hunter Brown, Joseph Claro, Sara Coles, Michael Del Nin

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

Voting on Minutes from November 20 Vestry Meeting: The Vestry approved the minutes as presented. Minutes will be posted online and have been posted by the parish office door.

Holiday Fete Report: While the final accounting needs to be finalized, Susan is estimating gross income of approximately \$50,000. Susan asked the Vestry for permission to donate \$5,000 to both the Washington Volunteer Fire Department and the Washington Ambulance Association ahead of the final accounting. The Vestry voted to approve this. These donations will go to the operating budgets of both organizations.

Finance Committee Report: Joe submitted a YTD report and the draft budget for 2023. These documents were reviewed and discussed. The Finance Committee will review the draft budget for 2023 and make final revisions.

The Vestry will contact those who pledged in 2022 but not, to date, for 2023.

Property Committee Update: Susan reported that she is still working on getting bids for work on the rectory. The goal is still to present a budget to the Vestry in January 2023, with repairs completed by the end of March for a potential move in date of April. Laura noted that Ira would like to be contacted when repairs are done as he is considering returning to the area and renting the rectory. Laura will keep him posted as to the progress of repairs.

Update on Legacy Society: Rebecca and Mary have determined that a history of St. John's can be helpful in increasing the success of St. John's being part of parishioners' estate planning. The Vestry discussed the Legacy Society's asking Ann Burton to write St. John's history.

Update on Social Gathering: Laura recommended that the Annual Meeting include a potluck lunch. The Vestry agreed. Laura will work with MB on all logistics.

Warden's Report: The Wardens had nothing new to report.

Rector's Report: Geoff will be meeting with Bishop Jeff and will add a discussion of his contract as part of the meeting.

Concerns: Joe feels we need a stronger Food Drive campaign to increase donations. Geoff will check with the local food banks to assess current and anticipated needs. Geoff will also ask Joe to investigate how we can better fulfill our food ministry.

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

Next Meeting: January 22nd, after the 10AM service.

Submitted by: Laura Daly