

St. John's Episcopal Church
Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
February 19, 2023, Held at Mary Davis's Home

In Attendance: Rebecca Bent, Worth Bracken, Sara Coles, Laura Daly, Mary Davis, Michael Del Nin, Veronique Dulack, David Gillespie, Fr. Geoff Hahneman, Andris Kalnins

Absent: Jay Bauer, Joseph Claro, Hunter Brown, Susan McFeely,

Guest: Ted Bent, St. John's Foundation (Treasurer of WRRP)

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

New Vestry Members: The Vestry welcomed Worth Bracken, our newest member.

Voting on Minutes from January 22nd, 2023, Vestry Meeting: The Vestry approved the minutes as presented. Minutes have been posted online and put by the parish office door.

Finance Committee Report: David has taken over the duties of Treasurer. He is working on the financial report for the Parochial Report, due on March 1. David also noted that given the limited bookkeeping support, priority will be given to paying bills and salaries over a monthly recap. David noted that increasing pledges is critical to St. John's financial health as we currently lack rental income from the rectory and pledges are down.

Property Committee Update: Although Susan was not present, she sent an update prior to the meeting. She is in the process of getting estimates for various repairs to the Rectory in preparation for renting in in the Spring.

Energy Audit Project: Fr. Geoff reviewed the energy audit conducted by Efficient Lighting and Maintenance. While it will cost approximately \$9,000 to make St. John's use of electricity more efficient, the government will cover 79% of this cost. Our net investment of \$2,312.51 will save us about \$840 annually in electricity costs, with a payback in 2.8 years and long term savings. The Vestry voted to approve this project.

Update on Legacy Society: Mary and Rebecca shared a sample of some promotional material that Fr. Geoff used in his previous parish to increase Legacy donations. Mary and Rebecca will use this sample as a template for our efforts in build legacy donations for St. John's.

Rector's Report: Fr. Geoff asked the Vestry to approve the Parochial report as presented at the meeting with the understanding that David will supply the finalized financial report. The Vestry voted to approve this motion and the clerk (Laura) signed the report.

Fr. Geoff also reminded the Vestry to take Safe Church Training which can be done online.

Warden's Report (Mary and Jay): Mary had met with Fr. Geoff earlier in the week to discuss some long range plans that the Vestry should address:

Develop a task force to decide what to do with the Rectory

What is God calling us to do regarding Outreach?

Building of our base of parishioners

Increasing youth participation in our parish (example, Gunn students to act as VJ's for our various services).

Mary will be contacting each Vestry member to determine how best to involve us in the above projects.

Concerns/Questions: Laura mentioned that the St. John's website is in need of updating and offered to work on it.

St. John's Foundation-Election of at-large Directors: The Foundation presented the 2023 slate of three at-large directors to serve until the next election of directors: Veronique Dulack, Rod Pleasants, and Alexander Purves. The Vestry voted to approve the slate. The by-laws also provide that the Board includes the rector (priest-in-charge) and treasurer of St. John's, Fr. Hahneman and David Gillespie.

Closing Prayer: Geoff closed the meeting with a prayer

Next Meeting: Given personal schedules, Mary will canvass the Vestry to determine the date of the next meeting.

Submitted by: Laura Daly