

## **St. John's Episcopal Church**

### **Minutes of the Vestry Meeting**

**June 18, 2023**

**Held In-Person**

**In Attendance:** Worth Bracken, Sara Coles, Laura Daly, Mary Davis, Veronique Dulack, David Gillespie, Fr. Hahneman, Andris Kalnins, Susan McFeely,

**Absent:** Jay Bauer, Rebecca Bent, Joseph Claro, Michael Del Nin,

#### **Opening Prayer**

Fr. Hahneman opened the meeting with a prayer.

#### **Property Report**

Susan continues to work with Mary and David on the finances to make repairs to the property.

She reported that the chimneys for both the church and rectory need new liners. Estimates are being sought in order to make these repairs.

Interior painting in some parts of the rectory due to water damage (which has been repaired) will be done.

Two trees on St. John's property (pine tree in front of the church, beech tree in front of the rectory) need to be treated for disease to survive. Bartlett Tree service will provide an estimate.

The cost to repair the rectory windows is expected to come in lower than originally estimated. This project will begin as soon as the town approves the repairs according to historic district rules. Rod is presenting the repairs to the town and does not anticipate any issues.

The realtor is aware of these repairs to the rectory and will communicate these improvements to potential renters.

#### **Voting on Minutes from May 7 Vestry Meeting**

The Vestry approved the minutes from our May 7 meeting without changes. The minutes have been posted online and in the Parish House.

#### **Finance Report**

David reported that he was able to transfer all funds from the Wells Fargo account to Union Savings Bank.

As for St. John's finances, David continues to be concerned for the financial welfare of the church as our pledges are down as well as the amounts pledged.

#### **June Appeal Letter**

Mary has finalized the June appeal letter which will be mailed out after June 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### **St. John's Benefit Planning**

The Vestry is planning a benefit in support of St. John's. The benefit planning committee will include Worth, Susan, Mary, and Veronique. Tentative Date is September 7.

#### **Rector's Report**

We need to work toward a larger group of volunteers to help us with our various ministries. Geoff recommended that committees be formed, each chaired by a Vestry member, but populated by non-vestry members of the church.

Committees would be Property, Finance, Outreach, and Family (to include promoting Family Service and welcoming young families to St. John's).

We also are in need of more volunteers to help with Altar Guild, VJ duties, lay worship leaders, lay preachers, lay eucharistic visitors, pastoral, and hospitality.

**NEXT MEETING:** July 16, after the 10AM Service.

Submitted by Laura Daly