

St. John's Episcopal Church
Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
July 16, 2023
Held In-Person

In Attendance: Jay Bauer, Worth Bracken, Sara Coles, Laura Daly, Mary Davis, Michael Del Nin, David Gillespie, Fr. Hahneman, Andris Kalnins

Excused: Rebecca Bent, Joe Claro, Veronique Dulack

Absent: Susan McFeely

Geoff called the meeting to order at 11:20

Opening Prayer

Geoff opened the meeting with a prayer.

Voting on Minutes from June 18 Vestry Meeting

The Vestry approved the minutes from our June 18 meeting with one revision. The minutes have been posted online and in the Parish House.

Finance Report

We continue to experience increasing costs and declining pledges. The recent pledge drive has had limited response. The Vestry agreed to take the following next steps:

All Vestry members will make a financial contribution beyond their initial pledge for the year.

Send thank you notes to those who responded to the recent pledge drive (Wardens).

Send an email to our largest email list (includes friends of St. John's and those parishioners who did not get the recent pledge drive letter) to stress the need to shore up our finances, and reasons why we need to do this now.

Start planning the 2024 budget along with a strategic planning session that will involve parishioners: What will the future of St. John's look like?

Those visitors who fill out info cards should be receiving a welcome letter in a timely fashion. Geoff will talk with Dawn about this.

Property Report

We have a few rental bids on the Rectory. Negotiations continue to arrive at a monthly rental amount in line with our expectations. It is anticipated that the lease will begin in September.

St. John's Benefit Planning

Instead of a benefit, it was agreed that we hold a homecoming gathering to coincide with St. John's homecoming service on September 10th. This will be a free, family-friendly event. The planning committee (Worth, Susan, Mary, and Veronique) will work on making this event high on community building and low on cost.

Rector's Report

Efficient Lighting and Maintenance (ELM) is completing St. John's energy efficient upgrades for the Church and Parish Hall buildings. A list of these upgrades is attached.

We have rented the Blue Room on Tuesday mornings for Pastoral Counseling beginning in September.

NEXT MEETING: August 13th, after the 10AM Service, minus Geoff who will be away. Planning for the Homecoming Gathering will be on-going with updates and approvals communicated via email.

Geoff closed the meeting with a prayer and ended the meeting at 12:40.

Submitted by Laura Daly