

St. John's Episcopal Church
Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
August 18, 2024

In Attendance: Fr. Hahneman, Ms. Davis, Mr. Bracken, Ms. Coles, Mr. Kalnins, Ms. Daly, Ms. Dulack, Ms. Witt, Mr. Ormand, Mr. Gillespie

Absent/Excused: Ms. Bent, Ms. McFeely, Mr. del Nin

Opening Prayer

Fr. Hahneman opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes

After some discussion of a portion of the draft minutes for the previous Vestry concerning Vestry oversight of the Foundation, the meetings of the previous Vestry meeting were approved, as amended.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report for the month of July 2024 was approved.

Property Report

Ms. Davies reported that the Gunn School's lease for the rectory at a rate of \$4,000 per month (plus utilities) has rendered the property eligible for tax exemption. The Parish may need to pay property taxes on the rectory for 2024 in an amount not yet known.

Homecoming Picnic Update

Mr. Bracken reported on planning for the homecoming picnic scheduled for September 29, 2024, following the 10:00a.m. mass, at Waldingfield Farm. Mr. Bracken encouraged members of the Vestry to volunteer to assist with the event.

Foundation Report

Mr. Bracken reported on the further progress that has been made in establishing the scope of a restoration project for the masonry on the church and related capital improvements. The trial renovation project to probe and restore certain discrete sections of masonry is expected to commence in the coming weeks. The trial renovation project is expected to provide insight into the potential scope of a complete restoration of the masonry.

Report on the Fête

Ms. Witt provided an update on the annual Christmas Fête that will be held during the first weekend of December 2024. Ms. Witt also reported on the success of the Parish's recent tag sale, which generated \$[●] in proceeds.

Warden's Report

Ms. Davis reported on newcomers to the Parish, and need for outreach to and stewardship of newcomers.

Priest's Report

Fr. Hahneman reminded the Vestry that the Parish would be offering a screening of *The Philadelphia Eleven*, a feature length documentary about the first women to become ordained priests in The Episcopal Church.

Fr. Hahneman also encouraged those Vestry members not already involved in lay ministry to consider participating in that ministry, emphasizing the Parish's need for lay worship leaders and preachers.

Conclusion

There was no further discussion.

Fr. Hahneman closed the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Justin Ormand, Clerk.