

VESTRY APPROVED 2/27/2024



Minutes of the Vestry
October 24, 2023

The Vestry convened via Zoom conferencing platform for the October 24, 2023, meeting at 7:03 pm.
The following were in attendance:

Clergy - Christopher Phillips, Associate Rector

Wardens - Jim Brooks, Senior Warden; David Wellman, Junior Warden

Vestry - Class of '24: Chris Berendes, Katherine Buchanan, Jeb Ory
Class of '25: Harrison "Hank" Donnelly, Jan Lipscomb, Nick Rogers
Class of '26: Travis Beaty, Meg Platt, Todd Thorpe

Officers - Randy Marks, Treasurer; Rosemary Harold, Legal Counsel; Shay Waye, Clerk; Lydia Arnts, Seminarian

Guest(s): Raiford Gaffney

Opening Prayer - Prayer led by the Associate Rector (Chris Phillips).

Approval of the Minutes - Minutes of the August minutes were reviewed for approval.

Chris Berendes indicated that the Vestry members' assignment years were incorrect.

(Action) Motion (Kathryn Buchanan) to accept August minutes as corrected. Seconded (Jan Lipscomb). Motion was accepted by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report - The Treasurer's report was distributed to the Vestry prior to the meeting. Randy Marks highlighted on pledges to date, and bequests, specifically plans to develop a bequest policy.

Senior Warden Report - The Senior Warden report was distributed to the Vestry prior to the meeting. Jim indicated he would have a draft of the annual report in November.

Jim encouraged vestry members to make pledges as soon as possible to set an example for all.

Junior Warden's Report - The Junior Warden's report was distributed to the Vestry prior to the meeting, Highlights included three major building projects projected within the next 8 years and finding another major tenant. Dave indicated he is working with a small core of people to look at identifying another main tenant, as well as how best to use space during the week.

Rector's Report - Chris Phillips directed Vestry to Michele's report in the share drive, highlighting the following, to include

- Rosie Brooks is recovering; Jan asked for her address to send a card
- Gun Violence Vigil slated for December 6. Michele will provide updates
- Chris Phillips reported that there were 37 new pledges, totalling \$232,701
- Vestry Greeters was discussed. A sign up sheet will be set up to ensure there is Vestry greeters at all services
- Middle East Work Group. Maureen Shea and Mary Neznick discussed their views on dismantling the Middle East Work Group. Both presented oral arguments in support of (Maureen) and opposition to (Mary) dismantling the group. After both arguments were heard, the Vestry determined that the argument in favor of dismantling the group (in its current structure) was warranted. Both Maureen and Mary were thanked for their presentation and dedication to the group.

New Business - The following new items were addressed.

- Jan updated the status of the saints and sinners event, scheduled October 30. She said there were 50-60 people signed up and encouraged everyone's attendance.
- Criteria for Space. Vestry tabled this discussion until next meeting, indicating there was a need to discuss more in-depth.
- Youth and Family Ministry. Meg reported on upcoming events: November 12 will start the sell of Advent kits, and Parents Night Out is on November 18
- Adding Minutes to the Web Page. Chris Berendes will look into this and work with Clerk and Rector to make happen.

Adjournment -

Motion (Chris Berendes) to adjourn meeting. Seconded (Jan Lipscomb). Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm. Chris Phillips gave the parting prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shay Waye
Clerk