

St. Helena's Episcopal Church

Vestry Minutes

November 21, 2022

Vestry Present: Adam Groenhuyzen, James Nitschke, Todd Calder, Matt Boutte, Kyle Fiedler, Cindy Glick, Jennifer Shelby, Gary Frashier, Ted Geer

Vestry Absent: Beth Adam, Sarah Davis, Anne Tarwater

Clergy: The Rev. Dr. David Read, The Rev. Jamie George

Staff/Treasurer: Ann Shorter, Bob Myer

Call to Order: 6 PM

Devotional: Gary read and shared a poem entitled "The Dash", by Linda Ellis, as his devotional. A highlight of the poem: "For it matters not, how much we own, the cars...the house...the cash. What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash".

Sub-Committee Meetings: Sub-committee meetings occurred, with report-outs to follow below.

Rector's Time:

- Fr. David highlighted the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, with the plan to return there after Thanksgiving of 2024
- Fr. David provided a Stewardship update: 183 pledges have been received, totaling over \$1,085,000.00(the highest amount ever)!
- Fr. David noted that the Sunday Sexton position has not yet been filled, and asked that the Vestry assist in this function until the replacement is hired; Matt will work on a schedule.
- Fr. David highlighted that approximately 20 people were members of the group that Bishop Reed either baptized, confirmed, received, or reaffirmed, on November 9; and Fr. David shared that one of those individuals gifted St. Helena's over \$400K!

Senior Warden's Time:

- Matt reviewed the nomination process for incoming members of the Vestry; the outgoing members of the Vestry will be working on that process.

Church and School Security:

- Fr. David noted that we are awaiting input from the Sheriff's Department concerning the use of the Security "app", which the school and church staff are planning to use.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Administration:

- The Vestry reviewed the October financials; after some discussion and input from Ann, the Vestry approved the October financials, after a motion by James, and a second by Matt.
- The minutes from the October Vestry meeting were reviewed, and then approved, after a motion from James and a second from Adam.
- A copy of the 2021 Audit was included in the financial packet; after a motion by Matt, and a second by James, the Vestry approved the Independent Auditor's Report.

Buildings and Grounds:

- Kyle shared that the City of Boerne was performing electrical work on Rock St., and the resultant effects on our campus.
- Kyle also reviewed some issues regarding our new stove in the Parish Hall kitchen; any refinements/improvements that may be needed will be placed on hold until the remodel is completed.

Mission:

- Jennifer updated the Vestry on "moms and prayer", as well as the Junior and Senior H.S. luncheon that took place.⁴
- The Angel Tree ministry has begun.
- Mo. Jamie informed the Vestry about the outcomes of the Women of St. Helena's Focus group meeting which took place on 11/16: the top 3 priorities for ministry included Decades Dinner, Women's retreat at Mustang Island, and Women's Bible study.
- Mo. Jamie also informed the Vestry of the newly re-formed Eucharistic Visitors ministry.

St. Helena's School:

- Fr. David informed the Vestry about the recent School Board retreat, in which they focused on long range plans, as well as future trends.

Around the Table:

- Fr. David mentioned the 3K and 5K run/walks on December 3rd, benefitting Transformation House.

Adjourn: With no further discussion, the Vestry adjourned at 7:25 PM.