

St. Helena's Episcopal Church

Vestry Minutes

December 20, 2022

Vestry Present: Adam Groenhuyzen, James Nitschke, Matt Boutte, Kyle Fiedler, Cindy Glick, Jennifer Shelby, Gary Frashier, Beth Adam, Sarah Davis, Anne Tarwater, Ted Geer

Vestry Absent: Todd Calder

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

Staff/Treasurer: Ann Shorter, Bob Myer

Visitor: Ben Adam

Call to Order: 6:05 PM

Devotional: Adam shared that his regular devotional involves reading from the Daily Chronological Bible, and he noted a most recent reading in 1Corinthians12, focusing on verses 4 & 5: concerning varieties of gifts and services, yet one Spirit and one Lord. He related how these verses apply to the Vestry: we have many parts, but we are one body, and by the power of the resurrection, we have unity and encouragement.

Master Plan presentation and adoption: Ben Adam was invited to present to the Vestry the Master Plan, with the goal of adopting the Plan as well as planning to present to the congregation at the Annual Parish meeting in January. In an approximately hour long presentation, Ben presented historical growth of our Church campus, prior Master Plans, the SWOT analysis, and the 3 phases of the current Master Plan. Ben fielded multiple questions, and the Vestry recommended some revisions. After all the discussion, Gary made a motion to adopt the Master Plan with the Vestry's suggested revisions, and after a second from Cindy, the Vestry approved the Master Plan, as well as proceeding with presenting to the congregation in January. Ben, as well as the Master Planning Committee, were recognized and thanked for their tremendous work.

Rector's Time:

- Fr. David noted that there were about 1600 attendees to our Walk in Bethlehem.
- Fr. David highlighted the Bishop Election Discernment Forum to be held at St. Thomas Episcopal Church on 1/29/2023 @ 4PM.

- Fr. David reminded the Vestry that the next Bishop of our Diocese will be decided at the Diocesan Council meeting taking place February in Corpus Christi.
- Fr. David informed the Vestry that he would like to hold the next Vestry retreat on February 4, 2023.

Senior Warden's Time:

- Matt shared the 7 names(including the 3 alternates) of the potential nominees for the incoming Vestry. After some discussion about the nominees, the Vestry adopted the slate of nominees, after Anne made a motion, and Kyle seconded the motion.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Administration:

- The Vestry reviewed the November financials; after some discussion, the Vestry approved the November financials, after a motion by Matt, and a second by James.
- The minutes from the November Vestry meeting were reviewed, and then approved, after a motion from Matt and a second from James.
- Ann and Bob presented the proposed 2023 budget. After discussion, questions, and clarifications, the Vestry approved the 2023 budget, after a motion by Ted, and a second by Gary.

Buildings and Grounds:

- There was discussion and concern about the upcoming sub-freezing temperatures for the Christmas weekend, and its effect on our campus. Kyle noted that he will be checking on any possible leaks, and our Sexton has been proactive in prevention measures.

Mission:

- Sarah shared the success of this year's Angel Tree.
- Ted informed the Vestry of two end of the year Outreach Steering Committee activities: Stocking stuffers for the children of Wounded Knee, and gift baskets and a Christmas dinner for 8 women at Transformation House.

St . Helena's School:

- Fr. David shared an idea for a joint committee to form between the School and the Church.
- The 2023-2024 School budget was reviewed, including the increase in teacher's salaries; after review of the budget and some discussion, the Vestry approved to adopt the School budget.
- Fr. David shared a bid that was received for a covering for the Sport Court, and noted that part of the School grant from the Colorado River Water Authority would help pay for some of the cost. The Vestry approved the concept for the Sport Court covering for now.

Adjourn: With no further discussion, the Vestry adjourned at 8:05 PM.