

St. Helena's Episcopal Church

Vestry Minutes

January 17, 2023

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

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

Staff/Treasurer: Ann Shorter, Bob Myer

Call to Order: 6 PM

Devotional: Todd's devotional centered around Proverbs 3:5-6, and given the upcoming Bishop Election in February, Todd shared a Prayer for Discernment, handing out copies to all.

Rector's Time:

- Fr. David noted that there were 800 parishioners who attended the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services; Fr. David also shared that the average attendance for Sunday services in 2022 was 301 in-person and 75 on-line.
- Fr. David highlighted the Bishop Election Discernment Forum to be held at St. Thomas Episcopal Church on 1/29/2023 @ 4:30 PM.
- Fr. David reminded the Vestry that the Installation of the Rev. Brian Fox as Rector of St. Paul's will take place on January 25 at 6 PM.
- Mo. Jamie highlighted last week's first Women's Bible Study group that took place on Wednesday at 11AM and 6PM, noting that in total there were 71 attendees!

Senior Warden's Time:

- Matt shared the names of the 4 nominations for the Vestry, who will be announced at the Annual Parish meeting.

Annual Parish Meeting Plans:

- Fr. David shared a draft agenda for the Annual Parish meeting on Sunday 1/22, as well as reviewing the logistics of the meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the Vestry members assisting in getting the parishioners seated for the planned breakfast and meeting.

Council Delegates and Alternates:

- Fr. David shared the names of St. Helena's parishioners who are slated for Council delegates and alternates. After discussion, Cindy motioned to approve the slate, and after a second by James, the Vestry approved.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Administration:

- Bob noted that our end of year budget actual was positive, and that those monies will be added to the Operating Reserve account. Bob also reviewed his recommendations regarding allocations to the Senior Ministry Fund and the Wendler Maintenance Fund; after some discussion, Matt made a motion to adopt Bob's recommendations, and after a second by Todd, the Vestry approved those recommendations.
- The Vestry reviewed the end-of-year financials; after some discussion, the Vestry approved the December financials, after a motion by Ted, and a second by Matt.
- The minutes from the December Vestry meeting were reviewed, and then approved, after a motion from Cindy and a second from Sarah.

Buildings and Grounds:

- It was noted that there are 4 new signage posts being erected, providing directions around the Church campus.

Mission:

- Sarah highlighted again the Women's Bible Study group, and several Vestry members stated how much energy and enthusiasm there is amongst the women of St. Helena's.

St. Helena's School:

- Fr. David noted that open enrollment has started.

Retiring Vestry Members:

- Amongst the comments from our 4 retiring members: "great experience"; "eye-opening"; "enjoyed the process"; "thanks to all"!

Adjourn: With no further discussion, the Vestry adjourned at 6:55 PM.