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September 27, 2021  
St. Philip's Episcopal Church  
Vestry Meeting Minutes

**Vestry in Attendance:** Leigh Egeghy, Adam McClellan, Richard Ammons, Connie Semans, David Shumate, Leigh Bordley, Gail Albergo

**Vestry Via Zoom:** Amanda Fratrick, Treat Harvey, Freda Tucker

**Clergy in Attendance:** Gabe Lamazares

**Guests in Attendance:** Ginny Bowman

**Opening Prayer and Reflection**

Gabe Lamazares

## **Consent Agenda**

- Minutes of the August 23, 2021 meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- Junior Warden's Report
- Senior Warden's Report
- Interim Assistant Rector's Report

Motion to approve consent agenda: David Shumate, Second by Connie Semans. Motion approved.

## Old Business

### 1. Campus Study Report

Bynum Walters

Committee is feeling some pressure to share the research, visioning, and status of the study and development in the neighborhood to date before we start reaching out to possible community partners. Need to balance the need to be transparent with the congregation. Committee would like to present through zoom meetings and an adult formation presentation.

The first phase of the campus development project involves construction of the new UMD facilities in what is currently the St Philips's parking lot. This will have to be a community project and will require community funding (donations) as well as a significant amount of funding from the city and the county. Need to be sensitive to the timing of our capital campaign for the sanctuary with the capital campaign required for the UMD project.

The areas of "loud caring" are likely to be about parking, bike lines, mixed use applications, logistical/operational relationship between UMD and St Philips. There is some concern about the current level of engagement and health of our congregation, and how this project will be received, supported, and impact (positive or negative). It is and should be pitched as an opportunity to collaborate and re-engage with the St Philips and the greater community.

Our congregation has not had the opportunity to mourn our losses (Jonah, Sally, Covid), We need to make that healing a priority in the early days/weeks of Maryann's tenure and before we move forward with anything else. The ARPA funding request was denied due to the nascency of our plans so that takes a little of the pressure off the situation.

### 2. Building and Ground Project Review

Adam McClellan

At this time our scheduled repairs are coming in just under \$7,000. Carpet and a few other things have come in under budget. The contract for the garden close renovation has come in and been approved by the Chancellor for signing. Adam will circulate it via email and Richard will call for the electronic vote Tuesday evening.

**Motion** to approve an electronic vote by Connie Semans. Second by Leigh Egeghy. Motion approved.

### 3. **Security Update**

Adam McClellan

No trespassing order has been filed with Durham police department and notices are being posted in strategic areas where folks are loitering. We have also submitted a request for increased presence/patrol by the police which may help. Currently in the process of locating security personnel for Sundays and Wednesdays. We may need to come up with a gap solution while we try and procure a long term hire.

### **New Business**

#### 1. **ECW**

Richard Ammons

The ECW is disbanding due to a lack of new members and a dwindling membership due to retirement, death, etc. Remainder of their budget will be used to commission a piece of art in honor of Jackie Harris and ECW to be installed at St Philips In the Trees.

#### 2. **Endorsement for Ordination**

Connie Semans

Mwathu Ncaca needs our endorsement for his ordination to the priesthood. Will circulate the form for signatures. Gabe will procure a gift in honor of the occasion (most likely a stole).

#### 3. **Garden Close Renovation and Children and Youth Programming**

The renovation project's impact on outdoor worship and formation is significant. Youth programming in particular is challenged as they made a commitment to parents to hold programming outside. We need to find a solution to accommodate those things for 3-4 months (November - February). The 9am service will also remain outside until vaccines are approved for children to the age of 5. Adam will start a stakeholder investigation (Emily, Gabe and Maryann next week) so we can get a solution in place by November.

Pastoral Concerns

Gabe Lamazares

Dismissal at 7:59pm by Gabe Lamazares

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September 28, 2021  
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Virtual Motion

**Motion** by Richard Ammons to approve the contractual agreement dated, 9/14/21, between St. Philip's and Myatt Landscaping and Construction to undergo the construction and landscaping work in renovated the Garden Close. The contract amount is \$274,193.40. Second by Connie Semans. Passed by electronic vote September 28. 2021.