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VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 28, 2022

Vestry Present: Newman Aguiar, Gail Albergo, Richard Ammons, Leigh Bordley, Leigh Egeghy, Amanda Fratrik, Rebecca Hix, Adam McClellan (Jr. Warden), Wes Newman (Clerk), Shamioka Rhinehart, Liz Sappenfield, Connie Semans (Sr. Warden)

Vestry Absent: none

Clergy Present: Rev. Maryann Younger, Rev. Gabe Lamazares, Rt. Rev. Anne Hodges-Copple

Guests Present: Ginny Bowman (Treasurer), David Shumate

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Vestry of St. Philip's Church convened on February 28, 2022 at 6:03 pm in the Parish Hall, the Rector being in the chair and the Clerk being present. Maryann opened the meeting with a scripture reading and prayer.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes of the January 24 meeting
- Treasurer's Year-End Report for 2021
- Treasurer's Report for January 2022
- Rector's Report
- Assoc. Rector's Report
- Senior Warden's Report
- Junior Warden's Report

Ginny requested that the Treasurer's Reports be moved from the Consent Agenda to the regular agenda. Richard moved to approve the remaining Consent Agenda items, Shamioka seconded, and the vestry approved unanimously.

BISHOP SUFFRAGAN'S VISIT WITH THE VESTRY

Bishop Anne joined the vestry for a portion of the meeting. After introductions and a briefing by Gail on our recent survey of ministry groups, the bishop invited us to reflect during the coming months on how St. Philip's might engage with the priorities of the diocesan Mission Strategy:

- 1. Racial Reckoning, Justice & Healing** (for example, the racial history of our own parish)
- 2. Congregational Vitality**
- 3. Collaboration & New Communities** (especially collaboration with and support of new and existing Episcopal communities of color, including St. Titus' and El Buen Pastor)
- 4. Formation** (specifically as it relates to and supports advocacy)
- 5. Creation Care**

The bishop noted that the vestry "sets a table of opportunities" for our parishioners, and that as a strong, well-resourced parish we have many opportunities to advance the diocesan goals. What kinds of things are St. Philip's doing that would give hope to other churches?

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Financial Reporting: David Shumate presented the new summary report format, which was well received by the vestry for its simplicity and clarity. In discussion, the vestry noted that many of our parish ministry groups have requested greater transparency in the budget process and easier and more frequent access to the status of their budgeted funds during the year. David and Ginny agreed to work together on this, including whether the new Realm software could be a tool for distributing budget information to the ministry groups.

Treasurer's Report: Ginny presented the Treasurer's Report covering the month of January 2022 and the revised year-end report covering the year ended Dec. 31, 2021. Amanda moved acceptance of the reports, Adam seconded and the vestry approved unanimously.

2021 Parochial Report: Gabe presented the draft annual report. David Shumate noted that some financial details are being corrected but that they do not materially affect the report; Gabe also distributed an addendum with additional narrative information to be added. The Clerk will distribute the final version following the meeting. Adam moved approval of the report as corrected and amended, Connie seconded and the vestry approved unanimously.

Ad Hoc Vestry Committees: Newman (ministries), Adam (infrastructure), Leigh B. (outreach) and Leigh E. (staffing) provided brief updates on the progress of their working groups.

Parish Processes: Maryann noted that the diocese has lifted its mask mandate and is now allowing individual parishes to make their own policies. St. Philip's will offer a range of masking options so that every parishioner can find a comfortable way to worship.

CEEP Annual Conference: Maryann and a group of St. Philipians attended the annual CEEP

conference in Atlanta, our parish having recently joined this organization (now renamed the Episcopal Parish Network). This is a networking opportunity for us with other parishes from across the country.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The vestry met in Executive Session to discuss pastoral concerns.

DISMISSAL AND ADJOURNMENT

Gabe closed with a prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Wes Newman, Clerk