

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY  
ST. PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
JANUARY 14, 2024 @NOON

Present: Bill Burke – Senior Warden, Dick David – Junior Warden, Kelly Adams – Treasurer, Chad Espeland, Lester Hailey, Melinda Jackson, Lynda Jungkind, Elizabeth Lott, Lori McIntire, and Julia Young. Attendance represented that a quorum was present.

Not present: Susan Slaughter, and Betty Smithson.

Bill Burke opened the meeting with prayer, and the reading of our Mission Statement.

Vestry members checked in.

Budget discussion; 2024 reflected a surplus of \$54,885.47. **Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved** to accept the 2024 budget as presented out of Committee.

The Hoerner Fund should be more than a “cash cow”. More discussion will take place at the Vestry Retreat.

Montessori utilities continue to go up at 47% more. More discussion to take place at the Vestry Retreat.

A search update was given – Bishop Seage met with the wardens, and the Search Committee members to advise that he was withdrawing the name of our potential candidate for rector. Back to the drawing board – we will persevere!

Discussion ensued regarding parish without an interim; possible short-term interim from Bishop Seage; Molly short-term; names mentioned as possible fill-in: David Johnson, Chip Davis, Andy Andrews; Jud Meadows, David Elliott; necessary to plan for each service; perhaps get each temp to commit to once a month for short period of time. The Senior Warden is working on it. It is not necessary for the Vestry to be frozen, since we no longer have a candidate for rector.

How do we reach those folks not seen; website needs cleanup; how do we handle McLeod; reactivate greeters; discuss outreach possibilities; Habitat houses.

**Motion was made, seconded and approved** to dispense with the reading of the Vestry minutes.

After brief discussion, **motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to accept the minutes** with two amendments: (1) paragraph four, after “rector arrives”, add “according to the Bishop’s agreement with St. Philip’s”; and (2) delete the sentence beginning with “The new Vestry”.

The Financial Report was presented that reflected a negative balance of approximately (\$22,993.45). **Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to accept the Financial Report as presented out of committee.**

The meeting concluded with prayer at approximately 2:20 PM.

/s/ Grace Duckworth

Clerk of the Vestry

Next meeting:

February 18, 2024