

St. John's Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting

December 20, 2022 7:00-8:00 pm via Zoom

Minutes

1. 7:00 pm – Opening Prayer

Attendance: Fr. Adam Trambley, Missy Baron, Donna Billioni, John Kachursky, Augie Santillo, Tracy Schliep, Becky Yoho and Vicki Barletta

2. 7:10 pm – Review of Minutes

Minutes for the 11-07-22 Vestry meeting were unanimously accepted on the motion of John, seconded by Donna.

3. 7:15 pm – Financial Topics

Treasurer's Report

Augie and Fr Adam discussed the financial reports and the volatility of the markets. The Endowment totals are through the 3rd Quarter. We aren't sure at this point what the total for the Kittredge account will be.

Our income is down, but expenses have also been less than what was budgeted, partially due to Tina being plagued with health problems and not being able to work her usual hours. Also, Jay has been able to accomplish the sexton chores utilizing 12 hours per week.

The Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously on a motion by Missy with a second by John.

2023 Budget Draft

We reviewed the initial draft of the 2023 Budget with the help of Fr Adam. This draft was arrived at by tweaking this year's numbers plus December 2021 to arrive at a "best guess" for 2023...even more risky than usual given how unpredictable the economy is in real time.

The Diocesan Assessment has decreased because our budget numbers have decreased.

Utilities will probably be more expensive in 2023 and are budgeted to reflect this.

The Diocese is recommending a 5% salary increase (this doesn't even cover a cost of living increase). However, 3% may be more realistic for us, and we could save a little from the amount that appears in the Budget Draft.

This Budget Draft is running a \$37,000 deficit.

This Budget Draft was not voted on tonight as it has not been reviewed by the Finance Committee. Hopefully they will be able to go over it and the Budget will be able to be voted on at the 1-9-2023 Vestry meeting.

4. 7:30 pm – Set date/time of Annual Meeting

The 2023 Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, 1-29-2023, at 9:15 am.

This date and time were approved unanimously on a motion by Tracy, seconded by Vicki.

5. 7:35 pm – Update on Preschool/Basement Renovation

Fr Adam, along with Tracy and Vicki, met with an architect from EADS on 12-14-2022 to review the concept plans and probable cost of the basement renovation. The plans are truly amazing and would offer us an extraordinary space for a preschool/daycare facility. However, the cost is currently out of our reach. The project would be very difficult to do in stages because the many pieces of the construction are interdependent. We will be doing some very

intentional praying through the Christmas season and then renew our efforts. We are also waiting for the Business Plan being developed by Dr. April Torrence.

6. 7:45 pm – Rector Updates

Fr Adam and Jane traveled to Alabama for the funeral of Jane's mother. That necessitated the rescheduling of this month's Vestry meeting from 12/12 to 12/20/2022.

Ron and Tony have both been ill with COVID, and Ron's upcoming surgery has been pushed back 2-3 months. We have been able to secure a couple of backups for Christmas just in case Ron isn't up to it.

7. 7:50 pm – Other Items

The flooring/carpeting project is a work in progress.

There is also a suggestion that we look into having the woodwork and marble in the altar area cleaned and polished.

We will need to identify potential new Vestry members to fill the seats of members who will be rotating off.

8. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next Vestry Meeting will be Monday, January 9, 2023, at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Victoria Barletta