

# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS

## MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING JUNE 15, 2023

The June Vestry meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Fr. Josh Stephens, our Rector. Those attending included: Senior Warden, John Barker, Junior Warden, Will Rodriguez, Clint Adams, Patrice German, Jerry Holt, Kim Sanders, Jennifer Shelton, and Laura Meherg Teel. Absent were Elizabeth Christenbury, E. R. Haire, Marisa Pharr, and Lynn Wiescholek.

Fr. Josh welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayer.

**Acceptance of Consent Agenda for June:** Will made a motion to accept all committee reports as well as the minutes of the May Vestry meeting; Clint seconded the motion, and it was passed.

**Rector's Report:** Fr. Josh outlined the following upcoming events:

1. Concert Sunday, June 18, in the Parish Hall at 4 pm, to be followed by a reception.
2. The Feast of St. John is scheduled for June 25 at Hubba Hubba at 5:00 pm. (will be relocated to the Parish Hall if it rains).
3. Empty Bowls fundraiser for the Backpack Program is scheduled for August 13.
4. August 27 - End of Summer service in the Parish Hall at 11:00 am (no 8:45 on that day)
5. Fall Fellowship Festival scheduled for October 15 at Kanuga Conference Center
6. October 22-25 - [Holy Hikes Retreat in Valle Crucis](#)

Fr. Josh discussed the equipment needed for the new AV system for the church. Quotes for the system as well as placement in the church will be discussed at the August Vestry Meeting. In addition, Fr. Josh announced that Lynn Wiescholek is resigning from the Vestry due to continuing health issues. Fr. Josh also discussed the Dismantling Racism Training that is potentially being hosted by St. John in the Wilderness in early October. More information will be announced. Fr. Josh requested that the Vestry go to Executive Session. At 5:20 Jennifer made the motion; it was seconded by Will.

**Senior Warden's Report:** John stated that he has continued routine meetings as well as with Group 2 Strengthening the Ministries of St. John. Group 2 has completed the majority of its tasks. Laura is coordinating with Sarah to develop and launch a survey. Additional information will be discussed in August.

**Junior Warden's Report:** Will reported that Group 1 has completed its part of the Goal - Strengthening the Ministries of St. John. A luncheon with committee chairs will be held in late August to provide information and begin implementation.

Following a prayer, the June 15 Vestry meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. to attend the Summer Scholars Session with Dr. Phil Kenneson.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret A. Barker  
Clerk of the Vestry