

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING MAY 19, 2022

The May Vestry meeting was called to order at 5:06 p. m. by Fr. Josh Stephens, our Rector. Members attending were: Junior Warden, Gibson Sims, John Barker, Elizabeth Christenbury, E. R. Haire, Will Rodriguez, Kim Sanders, Lynn Wiescholek and Dick Zecher. Clint Adams, Marissa Pharr, and Jennifer Shelton were absent.

Devotional: The opening devotional was led by Fr. Josh who began with a meditative reading and related reflective prayer followed by a check-in of Vestry members. He closed with prayer.

Acceptance of Consent Agenda for May: Vestry members moved to accept all committee reports for the month of May. Elizabeth made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 28 Vestry meeting; it was seconded by E.R. and was passed.

Treasurer's Report: Tom reported that although income has continued to exceed expenses to date, income for the past two months is comparatively lower than income from the same period from the past two years. However, overall projections for 2022 remain positive at this time with ranges for the reserves being within the expected targets. Updates for the capital reserves will be provided in the near future. Will made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report; it was seconded by E.R. and was passed.

Rector's Report – Fr. Josh reported that in July our Parish will welcome The Rev. Dr. Rob MacSwain, an Associate Professor of Theology at the seminary at Sewanee, as our 2022 Summer Scholar-in-Residence. All are invited to join Dr. MacSwain during the month of July as he leads discussions on Christian understanding of the Communion of Saints and how the lives of holy people serve as evidence of God's existence. These sessions will begin on Thursday, July 7 at 5:30 pm. Dr. MacSwain will also preach on Sunday mornings beginning July 10.

Junior Warden's Report: Gibson reported that estimates for new doors in the Administrative and Education Buildings are being gathered. All of the outside doors must be ADA compliant and wheelchair accessible. Doors inside the Education Building will also be replaced. In addition to doors, estimates for painting the Administrative Building are continuing.

Committee Reports

Building Parish Community Committee: Elizabeth discussed setting dates for parish dinners that will be hosted by various parishioners who have expressed an interest...The goal is to provide an opportunity for parishioners to meet other parishioners and allow for dialog with others while sharing a meal. Additional

information will be provided in the June **Voice** inviting parishioners to sign up electronically from a list of established dates.

Old Business

John discussed purchasing fire-proof file cabinets to store historical and archival documents and records that date from 1836 to the present. After a discussion of options including refurbished cabinets, Dick made a motion to approve the purchase of the needed cabinets up to \$5,500; it was seconded by ER and was passed by the Vestry

Preparations for the arrival of our new Curate were discussed. A reception between the two services is planned for Sunday, June 26. The Feast of St. John, to be celebrated at Hubba Hubba Smokehouse in Flat Rock, is scheduled for that same afternoon.

Following the Lord's Prayer, the May meeting of the Vestry was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Margaret A. Barker
Clerk of the Vestry