

# THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS

## MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING APRIL 28, 2022

The April Vestry meeting was called to order at 5:00 p. m. by Fr. Josh Stephens, our Rector. Members attending were: Senior Warden, Jennifer Shelton, Junior Warden, Gibson Sims, John Barker, Elizabeth Christenbury, Will Rodriguez, Kim Sanders, Lynn Wiescholek and Dick Zecher. Clint Adams, E. R. Haire, and Marissa Pharr were absent.

**Devotional:** The opening devotional was led by Will Rodriguez who opened with a prayer followed by a check-in of Vestry members. Then Will shared the Loric of St. Patrick and ended with a Scottish Episcopal prayer.

**Approval of Minutes:** Will made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 17 Vestry meeting; it was seconded by Jennifer and was passed.

**Acceptance of Consent Agenda for April:** Vestry members moved to accept all committee reports for the month of April.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tom reported that with the first quarter of the year gone, income has continued to exceed expenses. Overall projections for 2022 are positive. Target range for the reserves in within the expected amounts. Jennifer made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report; it was seconded by Will and was passed.

**Rector's Reports** - Fr. Josh stated that the Diocese of Western North Carolina is celebrating one hundred years and encouraged Vestry members to register for a special dinner in Hendersonville with Bishop Jose and other churches in the area. Due to his busy schedule, which includes the Lambeth Council for all bishops this summer in the UK, Bishop Jose will not visit our parish until later in the year. Fr. Josh also highlighted upcoming events including Wild Wonder: Creation Care Camp for children aged 4 - 10 which is scheduled for June 20 – 24. In addition, the second annual Feast of St. John (for our parish and the Village of Flat Rock) will be celebrated at Hubba Hubba's on June 26.

**Junior Warden's Report:** Gibson reported the completion of several projects including the dehumidifier and sump pump installation in the Parish House. Other completed improvements included removal of old carpet in the foyer of the Administrative offices, repainting of the ceiling, and replacing a light fixture. New doors for the Admin Building are planned.

### Old Business

Goal 1- Committee Update: Hiring an Associate Rector. Fr. Josh reported that Ian Williams, our new Curate, will be starting on June 26. Plans for his ordination are in progress; more details will be forthcoming. Plans for a reception for Deacon Ian

between the two services on June 26 were also discussed. Members of the Goal 1 Committee will assist with the new office setup and transition.

Goal 2 - Committee Update: Elizabeth, reporting for the Building Parish Community Committee, presented information on 'Foyer Dinners' to encourage and build community among parishioners through meals and conversation. Dates for these dinners during June and July were discussed. Additional information will be available soon.

Following The Lord's Prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret A. Barker  
Clerk of the Vestry