

DRAFT VESTRY MINUTES
Grace and St. John's Episcopal Church
Tuesday, June 18th, 2024 at 7:42 p.m.

NOTE: The meeting was available on Zoom for those unable to attend in person.

Present: Bob Bergner (Rector), Renee Janes (Senior Warden), Susan O'Connell (Junior Warden), Linda Simmons (Treasurer), Kelly Mattox, Nadia Major-Dodd, Linda Rolstone, Cindy Turner, Raymond Panther & Jessica Kott

Present on Zoom: N/A

Visitor: John Anderson

Excused Absences: Kim Judenis, Kate Aitkenhead

Unexcused Absences- Whitney Batson, Jennifer Campbell

The meeting was called to order at 7:42 pm following an opening prayer led by Fr Bob Bergner.

Agenda:

- The draft agenda was approved. (Kelly & Linda)

Minutes :

- Minutes of the May 21, 2024 meeting was approved and amended. (Susan, Renee)
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Treasurer's Report: - Tabled for the next meeting in July

Rector's Report:

- Bob has an upcoming 3 month sabbatical that he is proposing for the summer of 2025 from May to the end of August.
- Bob will be on vacation from July 11th -21st for 2 Sundays in July and in his absence Bishop Jim has agreed to conduct the one of the services.
- Delores Fortes had a stroke, Bob saw her on Sunday and she is alert and recovering.

Committee Reports:

Communications Committee:

- Name tags have been completed by Gretchen and the committee is working on a way to display them. Suggestions were made to place the name tags on a display board or create something to display them.
- Signs for the side door and front door for what is located on the first floor , upper level and lower level are also completed, they are trying to decide where to place them.
- Ms. Hubble & Hollie Schrader plaques will be relocated.

Worship Committee:

- Seating for services while the floor is being repaired was discussed.
 - While the hardwood floor project is going on services will be held elsewhere. Outdoor services and seating was discussed. Suggestions for service locations included in the Brewster room, undercroft or outdoors. Those attending services outside will be advised to bring their own seating.
 - It was suggested that there is sufficient room in the Brewster room to house about 40 chairs for services
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Dinner for a Dollar and the Food Truck:

- The Sunday volunteer for Dinner for a Dollar had a baby girl named Charlotte Rose. It was suggested to send her a card or gift. Sue O'Connell offered to get a gift card.

Other Business:

Mural:

- Sue, Gretchen and Bob met with Matt at Rise up and they agreed to offer finances for getting sketches started for the mural project. Fifteen hundred dollars from the grant will be provided to Matt so that Matt and the artist can move forward with the project and further discussions will occur.
- On Thursday June 20th Bob and Gretchen will meet with Matt the artists so they can share ideas.

Sanctuary changes:

- Bob met with Jamie regarding the sanctuary floors. Jamie suggests a two-week time frame for the floor project which will be potentially starting in three weeks during the month of July.
- John Reily will be removing the pews and alter rails.
- Bob will announce the removal of the extra lectern which will provide more space for the pews once the pews are re-installed after the floors are done. Linda suggested placing the lectern in the chancel area as an option.

Sound System Upgrade:

- This project has been delayed due to parts that have not come in as yet.
- Bob will follow up on how to incorporate this work around the new floor installation.

Investment Committee

- The agenda was tabled for the next meeting.

Missions and Outreach:

- The Ramblers will be playing on Sunday 6/30 at the 10am service.

Thrift shop

- Cindy and Allison are in the discovery phase of the project. We will hear more about it at a later date.

Hamden High Booster Club

- The local High school's booster club would like to advertise for Grace and St John. Prices range from \$350 for a small advertisement to \$550 for a large. Bob agreed to utilize operating expenses to cover the cost.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday July 16th at the church and on Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm (Linda S, Kelly M).

Acronyms used:

G&SP = Grace & St. Peter's
 SJE = St. John the Evangelist Church
 CGS = Christ the Good Shepherd
 SPOTH = St. Peter's on the Hill
 ECCT = Episcopal Church in Connecticut

TEC = The Episcopal Church in the US
 FTAC = Food Truck Advisory Committee
 D4\$ = Dinner for a Dollar
 S2P = Swords to Plowshares