

GRACE & ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 17, 2024 VESTRY MINUTES

Present

Rev. Bob Bergner, Kelly Park, Jessica Kott, Kim Judenis, Susan O'Connell, George Black (Zoom), Linda Rolstone, Cindy Turner, Renee Janes, Raymond Panther, Linda Simmons (Zoom)

Absent

Kate Aitkenhead, Whitney Batson, Jenneifer Campbell, Nadia Major, Kelly Mattox

Minutes

1. At 7pm Reverend Bob opened our September Vestry meeting and Renee J led the group in prayer.
2. The agenda was approved by Linda R, seconded by Cindy T.
3. The July Vestry minutes were not available to review for approval. **Follow-up:** Review July minutes at the October meeting
4. George Black shared with the group his progress over the last year and where he feels his calling to priesthood is leading him. He hopes that in June 2025 to be ordained. The vestry agreed to support him in his education and endorse him to be eligible for Holy Orders.
5. The treasurer's report was not available for review. **Followup:** review July and August report at October meeting
6. Communications committee reported that the name tag initiative will begin October 6th when the sanctuary reopens. Outstanding projects in progress include GSJ t-shirts, interior and exterior room signage and the GSJ lawn sign. **Followup:** Outstanding projects
7. Workshop committee. Upcoming Sunday Service events, 10/20 marriage of Paula Reynolds and John Cerritelli and 11/3 baptism of Jessica K granddaughters. The committee is reviewing the pew vs. chair decision and how it impacts worship, community, and theological growth
8. Dinner for a Dollar /Food truck. Allison is considering the possibility of adding a fourth dinner to the D4D mission. The Albertus Magnus

Community Sharing event has brought us volunteers to help with the Thursday, Friday and Sunday dinners. **FOLLOWUP:** Susan investigating the offer from a New Haven Community Health employee to offer Narcan at our church diners and groups.

9a. Room usage and rental fee. In progress, Kim C, Renee J and Sue OC will report back next month. The group asked that we use past rental experiences as a guide for the new Renters Guidelines and contract.

FOLLOWUP

9b. Protocol for homeless people on the ground. **FOLLOWUP:** Sue O will call Trinity on the Green.

9c. Mural. Gretchen will request an extension to the grant and commit to staying within the original budget. **FOLLOWUP**

9d. Sanctuary changes. The sanctuary will be open October 6th for Sunday Service using chairs. The pulpit has been placed and energized. The congregation will be discussing in October the decision for chairs or pews.

9e. Organ. Bill is getting additional quotes for cleaning and what actually needs to be done. **FOLLOWUP** at October meeting

9f. Upcoming mission activities. Susan presented an updated Committee and Mission list for review. After discussion with the vestry edits will be made.

10. Linda R and Cindy T moved for the meeting to be adjourned. Renee J gave the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Susan A. O'Connell, Junior Warden